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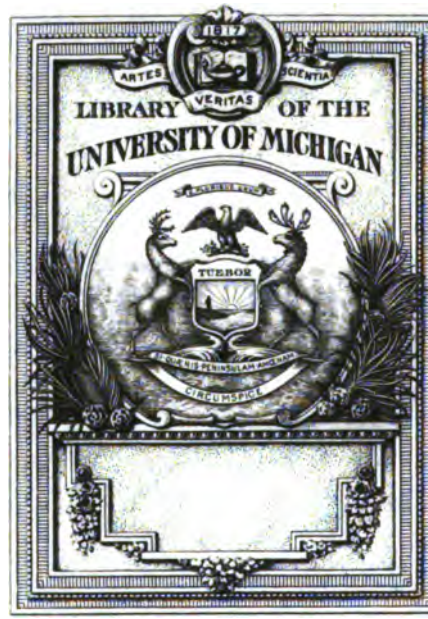

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JULY 6, 1814 TO NOVEMBER 4, 1814

[274] In Common Council July 6th 1814

present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Augusts H Lawrence	
Peter McCartee		Mott Cannon	
Thomas R Smith		Asa Mann	
Jonathan Lawrence		Arthur Burtis	
George Buckmaster			
Peter H Wendover			
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A petition of Rhoda Kees for remission of penalty incurred by estate of John Keese deceasd by not filling in certain Lots in Columbia Street, was refered to the Attorney with authority to remit

A Request of Mr Muller to erect a vault in the Street in Broadway opposite his Lot was read and granted on the usual terms

A Petition from sundry owners of Lots in Mulberry [275] Cross & Orange St stating that said Streets are directed to be raised and remonstrating against said measures was read and refered to the Alderm & Asst of the Ward & St Commissioner

A Request from Marinus Willett that a Committee be appointed to examine into a mistake respecting a grant at the lower end of Delancy St. was read & refered to the Comptroller

A Request of Genl Swift for the use of the House owned by the Corporation on the Long Island side of Hell Gate for the accomodation of Workmen to be engaged in erecting a Battery at Halletts point, was read & refered to the Comptroller with authority to grant the acomodation requested

A petition from the Inspectors of lime stating as their opinion the propriety of causing unslacked lime to be inspected was read & refered to the Committee on laws, with a request to report thereon by ordinance or otherwise

A petition of Henry Wickar for a Stall in Washington Market was read & refer'd to the Market Committee

[276] A petition for the removal of a Pump in Stanton Street was read & refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward

A petition from Henry Fanning stating that at the last Meeting of the Common Council upon the report of the Comptroller it was or-

dered that a lease be issued to him as Executor of Frederick Davoue dec^{d} for Lot N^{o} 24 Peck Slip—That agreably to said order he had applied to the Attorney of the Board for said Lease, but he refused to issue and deliver the same to him—and praying that the said Attorney may be directed to issue and deliver said Lease to him. The Attorney then stated to the Board the reasons which had induced him to withhold issuing and delivering said Lease—Whereupon it was Resolved that the conduct of the Attorney is approved—and

Resolved further that the Resolution passed by the Common Council for granting said Lease be and the same is hereby rescinded

A petition for opening Water Street from Pike to Rutgers Slip was read & refered to the Committee on Streets & Committee on Laws

The following persons were appointed Firemen [277] the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder N^{o} 2.

Sam^{l} Abbot, Grocer, 117 Cherry St. 4th W^{d} vice Peter Simmons Deceas^{d}

F E Comp N^{o} 3

W^{m} Carlisle, Grocer, 124 Water St, 1 W^{d}, vice Henry Warts resg^{d}

F E C N^{o} 25

James Hoyt, Mercht, 195 Front St, 2^{d} W^{d}, vice Eli Knapp D^{o}
Sam^{l} W Jennings, Hatter, 27 Cherry St, 4 W^{d}, vice David Griffin D^{o}

F E C N^{o} 33

John Halsey, Carpenter, Delancy St, 10 W^{d} vice William Craft D^{o}

His Honor the Recorder to whom had been refered for his opinion the compensation to be allowed to the Collectors of Taxes reported the following statement made by the Committee on Laws to whom it had been refered, and his opinion thereon

The Committee on Laws & ordinances to whom was refered the subject of the compensation which is allowed to the collectors of Taxes in the several Wards, Report, that a question has arisen between the Collectors of some of the Wards and the Chamberlain of the City whether those Collectors are entitled to retain out of the monies collected by them the compensation of five per cent given to collectors by the general law " for the assessment & collection of Taxes " passed april 5th 1813 or the various compensations [278] pointed out for the collectors of Taxes in the different Wards, by the " act to enable the

Mayor Recorder & aldermen of the City of New York to raise money by Tax" passed the 19th March 1813

The latter law under the authority of which the Collectors in question have collected the Taxes authorises the Collectors of the 1st 2d & 3d Wards to retain as a compensation 3 per cent the Collectors of the 4th 5th 6th 7th & 10th 4 per cent and those of the 8th & 9th 5 per cent on the amount collected

It appears from the dates of the two laws that the general tax law passed the Legislature after the passage of the City Tax law and the Collectors argue from this that the general law repeals so far as relates to their compensation the provisions of the City law.

The general Tax law is one of the "Revised acts" and with some alteration as to the mode of assessing and Collecting Taxes, contains precisely the same provisions as the old "act for the assessment and collection of Taxes" passed 8th April 1801 & the City law above refered to is mutatis mutandis, an exact transcript of the several City Tax laws, which have annually for many years passed the Legislature in favor of the City: and which have uniformally made the same discrimination between the compensations of the Collectors of the different [279] wards as the present law under consideration

The City laws are special laws intended to provide for the peculiar wants of the City. They point out merely the sums of money to be raised, and the compensation of the Collectors—For all details as to the mode in which the assessments and collection is to be made they refer to the provisions of the general law

The Committee are of opinion that under this Statement of facts, the City law is to govern in ascertaining the compensation of the Collectors and not the general law, to which the special law is an exception, notwithstanding the general law happens to have the later date, the only circumstance relied upon by the Collectors

respectfully submitted

Sigd J Nitchie Chn Com Laws

I have considered the questions contained in the above statement and am of opinion the compensation of the Collectors is to be regulated by the act of the 19th March 1813 under which they acted

It is an established rule of law in construing Statutes, that all acts in parvi materia, are to be taken together as if they were one law. The two acts in question, are of this character and while the [280] provisions in the general tax law, are to have a full and complete operation, as to the manner of assessing and collecting taxes, yet a special

local regulation in the City law will control the extensive expressions adopted in the general law. Besides the intention of the Legislature in this case cannot be doubted, and it being plain and manifest the words of a latter act in their strict sense even are not to repeal the special provisions of a former law made on the same subject

For these reasons I agree in the opinion contained in the foregoing statement or report

(Sig[d]) Josiah Ogden Hoffman

Which was approved whereupon

Resolved that the Chamberlain be directed to call upon the Collectors of the different wards to settle up their Tax accounts forthwith on the basis of the Compensation allowed by the act of the 19th March 1813 *on* [or] in default thereof issue his warrant against them for their arrears

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correct[ion] of nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Tobias Ryckman	No 144 Chamber St
Wm Bailey & others	Budd St
John Ryker	104 Church St
[281] The Trustees of the Brick presbyterian Church	chamber St
Alexander L Stewart	Chapple St
William Hunter	Corlears St
Cornelius J Bogert	Cr Grand & Essex St
Alexander Scott	52 Lombardy St

Which were severally passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well in Norfolk Street near Hester St which was passed & William Stillwell —Jacob Tallman & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on assessment for regulating Division Street from Arundle to Grand Street

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for collection of the same

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving South St at Beekman Slip which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector

The Committee on the petition for widening Bridge Street presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed

[282] The following Resolution was presented and agreed to

Whereas there was lately executed to Nicholas Lawrence a Lease of the situation for weighing Hay at the foot of Duane Street for

which lease he is to pay the Corporation 500 Dollars per Annum—and Whereas William Harrison now keeps possession and refuses to surrender the aforesaid situation therefore Resolved that the commission lately granted to the said William Harrison as weigher of Hay be and it is hereby revoked

Also Resolved that Isaac Valentine be no longer a Weigher of Hay for this City and that his commission be accordingly revoked

Resolved that a Committee consisting of the Mayor Alder[n] Fish & Alder[n] Wendover be appointed to confer with His Excellency the Governor, & Major Gen[l] Lewis touching the exposed situation of this City and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Agreably to the order of the day the Market Law was taken into consideration and after being considered by Paragraphs was passed under the Title of "a Law to regulate the public [283] Markets"—and the Clerk was directed to cause 500 copies to be printed

Resolved that the second section of the law entitled "an ordinance to prevent injury from mad Dogs" be and the same is hereby repealed

On motion of M[r] Nitchie Resolved that Isaac Myers be and he is hereby removed from the office of Assistant to the City Watch

It was then moved by M[r] Nitchie that Matthew mandeville be appointed in his stead—Alderman Wendover moved that Abraham Warner be appointed—The question being taken Abraham Warner was appointed—M[r] Nitchie then gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration of said appointment

The Comptroller reported:

Cash in the Treasury	$7466.89
Warrants not presented	179.30
	$7287.59

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	D[o]	621.25
Holden & Lawrence	D[o]	474.25
Hedden & Angevine	D[o]	339.50
[284] Evens Post 6 mo. sub[n] to 16 May		37.50
M Ackerman Keeper Potters field to 1 July		45.00
Chester & Malcolm for carpetts &c		66.71
J Cunningham on acct paving Cherry St		1000.00
R Moran bal[c] due paving Crosby St		280.03

J Mahen	on acct	paving Beekman St	100.00
C Mooney	" "	" Intersecns of Streets	13.25
A Smyth	" "	" Charlton St	100.00
I Halsey	" "	regulating Walnut St	200.00
J Gallagher	" "	first Installment for well and pump in Elm St	73.60
			$4045.84
	Balance		$3241.75

[285] In Common Council July 14th 1814

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Aldermen: Peter Mesier, Jonas Mapes, Charles Dickenson, Peter McCartee, Thomas R Smith, Jonathan Lawrence, George Buckmaster, Peter H Wendover, Nicholas Fish, Reuben Munson

Aldermen [Assistants]: Joseph Warren Brackett, Augusn H Lawrence, Elisha W King, Gideon Tucker, Mott Cannon, Asa Mann, Arthur Burtis, Wm A Hardenbrook

Upon motion the doors were closed

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had convened them for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to take into consideration the present exposed situation of the City

The Report of the Committee was then read in the words following

The Committee have endeavoured to obtain information on the important objects of enquiry committed to them, and they hasten to lay [286] it before the Common Council. It may be classed under these heads. 1. The probability of an hostile attack. 2d The means of resistance & 3d The measures which ought to be adopted in order to protect the City & the surrounding Country. in consequence of the deficiency of such means

With regard to the first point, the Committee have no particular information: It is well known that the British have a vast disposable force in Europe, a part of which is intended for America, that the British naval Commander in chief has not appeared off the American coast this Season but has remained at the Island of Bermuda in all probability with a view to concentrate his forces for some important object, and that upon the whole there is reason to believe that a blow is intended to be struck which will greatly injure this country—but

the point of attack cannot be known—whether the Enemy intends to aim at New Orleans, Norfolk, Washington, Baltimore New York or New Port, or whether he has adopted any definite plan, cannot be determined but by the course of events. That alarm exists at all those places. That all are exposed, and that prudence & patriotism dictate the indispensable necessity of adopting all proper measures to [287] repel his attacks cannot be doubted: when we consider the immense prize which this City affords to his cupidity the importance of its position in relation to ulterior measures of offence—in relation to the prosperity of a vast inland country and in relation to the well being of American Commerce & navigation and when we further consider that this State is the principal place from whence a war against Canada is carried on, it is not absurd to suppose that policy may prescribe an attack upon our maritime Frontier with a view to inflict a vital injury upon us, and with a further view to aid the operations of the Enemy on the Northern and Western parts of the State. These apprehensions may be all dissipated by subsequent events, & it is to be ardently hoped that in the midst of our preparations for defence the public anxiety may be relieved & the prosperity of our Country promoted by intelligence of an honorable peace.

The means of resistance may be considered under three heads 1st Fortifications. 2d Troops 3 Munitions of war

The City may be approached in two ways, by water, and in two ways by land.

An Enemy may come to us by Sandy Hook & by the Sound. He may land at Gravesend Bay as he did during the last War and arrive [288] at Brooklyn in the rear of the Fortifications, He may land Troops above Hell gate and approach us in a Northern direction.

The Water Communication by Sandy Hook is protected by several Strong & very important Works, and the only deficiency we need now point out, is the neglect to finish the important work on Hendricks Reef & the adjacent commanding Work on long Island.

Vessels of any burthen can pass thro' Hell gate with safety. The experiments and observations of Comre Decatur have put this beyond doubt. This pass is totally unprotected but prompt measures are now taking by the General Government & Commissioners of Fortifications acting under the authority of the State to erect a strong work of 12 Guns at Halletts point which it is to be hoped will be followed up by another on Mill rock These Forts would effectually prevent the passage of the Enemy by water in that direction

With respect to land attacks by long Island & from above Hell gate, no measures have been adopted to repel the Enemy. Indeed all our works of defence have been erected upon the hypothesis that he would assail us by ships

When we consider that he can land Troops [289] within 8 or 10 miles of the City in more places than one and that nothing has been done to impede or preclude his operations in this way, there is room for serious reflection. We might indeed mention as a solitary exception the intended erection by the Commissioners of Fortifications of a strong Block House at the principal inlet into Jamaica Bay which will prevent him from coming in Barges to Canesus landing within seven miles of the City and at the same time cover an important section of the country from his marauding incursions

With respect to Soldiers we have reason to believe that all the regular Force in this Port & its vicinity does not exceed 1600 men—of which a great portion consists of raw recruits & perhaps not 1400 are acquainted with the use of great Guns

The various Forts in this harbour contain at least 400 cannon—which with the field artillery that will be required in case of an hostile attempt, ought to be manned by 4000 men. The Men are now dispersed among the various forts from Sandy Hook to Greenwich and it is obvious could never be concentrated to any given point in order to meet the advances of the Enemy without a total abandonment of the works. The inadequacy [290] of the regular Force is palpable; and we have no reason to believe that the local militia can supply the deficiency. The Brigade of Artillery does not contain more than 1000 effective men, a considerable portion of which is principally conversant with the duties of infantry and even fifty of this corps are now stationed at Sag Harbour for the defence of that place

The National Government have recently ordered 13500 of the militia of this state to be held in readiness for service. This force for the purposes of immediate defence is merely an Army on paper. Before the men can be assembled together from various parts of the state 20 or 30 days may elapse and the objects of the Enemy be completely obtained And when assembled they will be raw Troops unacquainted with the duties of a camp without discipline, without mutual confidence, and ignorant of the first elements of the military art.

As to munitions of war, the annexed official statement exhibits the meagre contents of our state arsenal, of Field Artillery we have

10 pieces, four of which are 6 p^{rs} of muskets we have 2230 of which only 548 have cartridge Boxes and the fixed ammunition is also [291] inconsiderable. The Governor has taken measures to obtain 1000 additional muskets which may be daily expected

The U S have not in this place more than 1000 muskets. They have 10 six Iron p^{rs} in good order 4 eighteens & 3 twelves 1 Brass 24 p^{r} 2 twelves D^{o} & 1 five ½ inch Howitzer—There are also 11 Iron 18 p^{rs} on old carriages which proboably require remounting. The quantity of fixed ammunition is not known but it is apprehended that it is entirely inadequate to the crisis

After this brief exposition of our Situation, the most important object of enquiry is, what remedies shall be adopted to supply the desiderata & to meet the exigency of the case.

As a Corporate Body with municipal power & without any authority to impose taxes, or to raise Troops, it is evident that the Common Council are not able to apply an adequate remedy. So far forth as a representation of our defenceless situation, as an application of a portion of our pecuniary resources, as animating our fellow citizens to spirited exertions, and as an adoption of all proper means, either as individuals, or public functionaries, may have a benign influence, it is our [292] incumbent duty to act promptly, immediately, & energetically.

The National Government are specially charged with the general defence. And it is presumed, that a respectful representation of this Board, by a Committee, to the President of the U S., may have a beneficial effect, as it is completely in his power, to direct the unfinished works to be completed, and new works to be constructed—To direct the regular forces in this quarter to be augmented, to order a portion of the militia into immediate service, in order to repel invasion, or to cause them to be paid by the U S. after being ordered out by the authority of the State—To cause the munitions of war to be augmented, without any great inconvenience or expense, as it is believed that the U S have arms & ammunitions sufficient which may be ordered to this place.

Next to the Gen^{l} Government, we must look to the State Government, for protection.

The Governor has authority by the 68 Sec^{n} of the Militia law, to order into service at the expense of the State, any portion of the Militia, if in case of invasions or other emergency he shall judge it necessary

[293] He may also encrease the munitions of war in this quarter by purchase, or by ordering them from other Arsenals where they are not wanted.

It appears to the Committee, that it is indispensably necessary, in order to protect this City against attacks by land, to have two fortified Camps; one on the Heights of Brooklyn, and the other on the Heights of Harlaem, and that they should be immediately occupied by the Militia—These encampments may prevent the approach of the Enemy in the most exposed quarters, will enure the men to arms, & discipline; will serve as places of rendezvous for the militia in cases of alarm, and will give a decided tone & countenance to public confidence—An Encampment at Harlaem will have this additional advantage—it will Keep open a communication by land with the continent—if the Enemy shall obtain the command of our waters. The land at Harlaem may be occupied without any expense—that at Brooklyn, may be obtained at a reasonable rate, during the War, by paying an annual rent. It is presumed that these Camps may be soon fortified by the voluntary labor of our fellow Citizens, and by the Militia ordered to occupy them

[294] A respectable portion of physical force of this City is exempted from serving in the militia except in cases of invasion. The body of Firemen consisting of upwards of 1000 able bodied Men. Those who have served a certain period in the Artillery & persons above the age of 45, come principally under this definition. To render this force of any use it ought to be organized—The Firemen ought to compose one regiment & the other exempts another

Altho' the Governor is authorized to call out the militia at the expense of the State, yet as no Legislative appropriation has been made for this object, it would be proper that the Corporation should loan the necessary funds on this occasion.

The removal of the shipping from our Harbour to some place of safety, besides being beneficial to the owners, will diminish the inducement of the Enemy to attack the City, & will prevent the services of an efficient body of men from being diverted from the public defence to the conservation of the shipping.

With a view of bringing these propositions before the Common Council in a formal [*296] shape, the Committee submit the following resolutions

1. Resolved that Alde[n] Mapes & Alder[n] Smith be requested to call upon the President of the U S. and respectfully to solicit his

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

attention to the objects above stated as being within the purview of his official powers

2. Resolved that the Committee of Defence, & Comptroller, be a committee to procure the necessary ground on the heights of Brooklyn, the money therefor to be advanced by this Board, on an annual rent for the purposes above expressed, in full confidence that the same will be refunded by the state or general Government.

3. Resolved that His Excellency the Governor, be respectfully requested to call out for the defence of this City under the authority given to him by the militia law, a competent number of militia to occupy the proposed Camps; & that the Corporation will loan the necessary funds not exceeding Three hundred thousand Dollars to be reimbursed by the State.

4. Resolved that His Excellency the Governor be further respectfully requested, to encrease by all means in his power the munitions of war in this part of the State, and to cause the field Artillery & arms to be put in complete [297] order.

5. Resolved that the Commissioners of Fortifications be requested to hasten the erection of Works on Halletts point, & Mill Rock, or such other works as they may judge necessary, to prevent the approach of the Enemy to this City by the Sound.

6. Resolved that the Committee of defence be instructed to attend to the organization of the Exempts as above stated—To the removal of the Shipping—and to procuring the voluntary labor of our fellow Citizens on the Encampments above mentioned.

7. Resolved that Gen[l] Fish & Alder[n] Wendover be a Committee to wait upon the Governor with these Resolutions

8. Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorized to enquire & report of the means of raising the monies that may be required under these Resolutions.

The Committee having been directed by the Common Council to confer with His Excellency the Governor & Major General Lewis, conceive it no more than an act of Justice to state that those Gentlemen have evinced every disposition to promote the Defence of this City & will unquestionably [298] afford all the aid in their power for the attainment of this important object.

Whereupon the report was approved and the Resolutions proposed therein were unanimously agreed to

A Warrant in favor of Richard Furman as Treasurer of the New Alms House was directed to issue for five thousand Dollars

[299] Note

Minutes of a confidential nature being to be inserted (see foregoing) and the space they would occupy not being known a larger blank than was necessary was left J L M

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[302] In Common Council July 18th 1814

present The Hon[l] Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie
Charles Dickenson		Joseph Warren Brackett
George Buckmaster		Augus[n] H Lawrence
Peter H Wendover		Elisha W King
Nicholas Fish		Gideon Tucker
Reuben Munson		Mott Cannon
		Arthur Burtis
		Noah Brown

Assistant[s]

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

Petitions from W[m] B Van Nortwick & John Miller from Robert Welshman, Charles Racey & Richard Edmunds praying to be relieved from penalties said to be incurred under certain ordinances respecting the removal of nuisances, were read & refered to the City Inspector

A Petition of Dennis Tunis to be relieved from a fine incurred by selling liquor without license was refered to the Attorney with authority to remit.

[303] A Memorial from Bernard Hart to be relieved from a fine said to be incurred under an Ordinance, directing the filling in of a certain Lot of ground was received—The petition stated that he had transfered the said Lot to M[r] George Lorrilard who caused the Lot to be filled up excepting that part which had been ceded to the Corporation for a street—A certificate to that effect from the Deputy Street Commissioner accompanied the petition—Whereupon ordered that the said fine be remitted, & without the payment of costs by Petitioner

A presentment of the grand jury was read presenting the grounds adjacent to the arsenal as a nuisance, being used as a receptacle for manure filth &c—Also presenting those parts of Orange—Elm & Anthony Streets adjoining said grounds as in a state of nuisance

Whereupon ordered that the same be refered to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector with authority to fill up such parts of the collect as still remain to be filled up and also to designate a place for the deposit of Manure

A Memorial from sundry Bakers was received [304] remonstrating

against the repealing of the law establishing the assize of Bread, but praying an additional allowance to them on account of the high price of fuel &c—Ordered to lie on the table to be taken up when the report of the Committee on that subject is considered

Petitions from samuel Nichols & Abel W Hardenbrook for appointment to the offices of Sealer of weights & measures, were read & refered to the Committee on laws & ordinances

A Petition for a well corner of arundle & Stanton Streets was read & refered to the Alderⁿ & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Letter was received from Obed Smith stating that it was necessary that a guard should be established for the protection of the Steam vessel of war building by order of Government at Messʳˢ Brown's Ship yards. That as a law of the Corporation prevented the keeping of powder at that place he prayed that license might be given to keep a sufficient quantity of ammunition at that yard Whereupon ordered that permission be given to keep 12 Quarter Casks of powder to be stored under the direction & superintendance of Mʳ Brown [305] a Member of this Board

A petition from James Gardner was read stating that petitioner was administrator and guardian of Charles Gardner deceased who was proprietor of a lot corner of Wall & Nassau St that the Street has lately been regulated by the Corporation and part of the ground of said Lot taken possession of by the Corporation whereby the same is no longer a corner lot—Ordered to be refered to the Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance against widening Bridge St was read and laid on the table to be taken up when the report of the Committee of that subject is considered

A Petition that a Watch may be established in Mott & Hester St was read and refered to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Townsend Week for Stall in the Market at Corporation Dock. A petition from Peter Crawbuck for Stall Nº 47 Fly market now held by Edward Patten and a remonstrance against the grant of the same by Mary Patten were severally read & refered to the Market Committee

[306] A Petition from William Stratton for payment for a Well dug by *by* him corner of Mott and Bayard Street was refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Abijah Hammond for a water grant on the East

River opposite his ground between 4th & 6th Streets was read & refered to the Comptroller

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

F E Compy No 5

Peter Reynolds, Grocer, 179 Washington St, 3d Wd,
vice Wm Roberts resgd

Frederick Shaw, Mercht, 24 Chatham St, 6th Wd,
vice Henry W Robertson Do

F. E. C. No 8.

Jno J Jenkins, Grocer, cr church & Warren St, 8 Wd,
vice James Keath left City

Geo Brooks, Accountant, Pearl St, 520, 6 Wd " Hezekiah Coffin Do

Moore Lee, Mercht, 109 Chatham St 4 Wd " Richd Spaight resd

Alexander Scott, Grocer, 485 Pearl St 6 Wd " Henry Fabre Do

F. E. C. No 30.

William Hart, Milkman, Bowery lane 10th Wd vice Jno Denning removd

F E C No 36

Jacob Concklin, H. Carpenter,
Hudson St 8th Wd, vice Elias B Cox left City

Benjamin Coles, Cartman,
Spring St Do " " Nehemiah Guthwright resd

A Letter from His Excellency Govr Tompkins [307] to His Honor the Mayor enclosing a copy of a Resolution of the Legislature requiring information as to the accomodation which might be obtained for holding the next Session of the Legislature in the City of New York —was read and refered to Aldern Wendover Aldern Fish Mr King

A Memorial of Abraham Quincy inventor of the method of conducting fire in the Asbestian & Magnesian Stone offering to construct fire places on the principles of his invention in the City Hall was read & refered to the Building Committee

A Memorial was received from Henry Fanning the reading of which was commenced, but being deemed to be couched in indecorous language reflecting upon one of the Officers of the Board the reading thereof was discontinued and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

The Council presented for execution. Petitions to the Supreme Court praying for the appointment of Commissioners for the opening of part of 28th St & part of 125 St in pursuance of Resolution [308] of 30th May & 27 June last—which Petitions were ordered to be duly authenticated

The Council presented an ordinance entitled "a Law relative to the removal of certain obstructions from the Streets" drawn at the suggestion of the Street Commissioner, which having been read by paragraphs was passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for making a Wharf or Pier on the westerly side of Catharine Slip and extending 130 feet into the East River—which was passed

He also presented an ordinance for making Front Street from James's St Slip to Market Slip which was refered to the Committee on Laws & the Council

He also presented an ordinance directing the removal of a Pump standing in Stanton Street to Bridge Street which was passed and Wm Stillwell, Jacob Tallman & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an assessment for a well & Pump in Elm St near Grand St which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

[309] The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following viz

James D Dominick & John Copperthwaite	No 4.	Chatham St
Daniel Dunscomb		Third "
Ditto		Fourth "
Estate of G Houseman		Hester "

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented a Report on the petition of Marinus Willett which was refered to Aldn Wendover Mr Brackett Mr Nitchie

The Committee on the petition of Frederick Depeyster reported, That they are of opinion that the grants ought to be made free of any additional rent on condition that Mr Depeyster shall make the whole of Marketfield Street compleat to the West line of West Street, and west Street in front of his said Grants. the Corporation to fill in or pay for the filling in of the one half of Marketfield Street & to

receive the Wharfage at the end of Marketfield Street and the South side of [310] the same

(Sig^{d}) Augus H Lawrence
J Nitchie
Reuben Munson
Tho^{s} R Mercein

Which Report was agreed to

The following Law entitled "a law to amend the Law respecting weights & measures" was passed

Be it ordained by the mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that the time limited in the law respecting weights & measures and in the law to regulate the public markets for the sealing of weights measures & beams, shall be and the same hereby is extended from the first day of August to the first day of September next, and that the said law respecting weights and measures, and the twenty ninth section of the law to regulate the public markets shall not be in force until the said first day of september next.

M^{r} Nitchie agreably to notice given moved to reconsider the appointment made at the last meeting of an Assistant to the Captain of the City Watch in place of Isaac Myers—which was agreed to. The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the vacancy (His Honor the Recorder then [311] being President also giving his Ballot) when Matthew Mandeville was elected

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$5973.03
Warrants not presented	52.50
	$5920.53

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts.

Hays & Bogert. Watch	694.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Holden & Lawrence "	474.25
Hedden & Angevine "	339.50
J Nitchie Ch^{n} Com^{e} Laws & Ord^{ns} for examina^{n} of papers relative to Hamilton Square Lots	172.42
M Fourot. Mayt^{y} Com^{n} Coun^{l} & Mayors Court Seals	260.00
The Columbian Subs^{n} 6 Mo to 2 July	37.50
W M Summers Insp^{r} Bread 1 Q^{r} to 6 July	95.48
Peace Officers attendance 4th July	13.50
A Woodward As^{t} City Insp^{r} to 15th Inst	62.50
B Skaats ringing Bells 4th July	39.25

J Bailey repr[s] to Streets oppos[t] public property	54.25
A Stagg acct pav[g] Prince St	300.00
J Gildersleeve filling up at Brooklyn	100.00
T & G Lovett pav[g] South St near Beekman Slip	200.00
C Mooney D[o] Vandam St	100.00
H Brush repairs to Pumps	65.00
[312] J Richardson cleaning Wells	28.11
O Waldron Work on Roads for June	322.27
J Hardman D[o] D[o]	243.30
E Jennings Sup[dt] lamps to 11[th] July	392.78
St Commissioner to abate nuisance Lot N[o] 141 Chamber St by Order B[d]	20.00
James Wallace Sup[dt] Repairs	500.00
J Randall acct contract setting monuments	500.00
H J Curphew Music for Dinner 4[th] July	35.00
	$5.671.21
Balance	$249.30

adjourned to this day fortnight

*[318] Special Meeting

In Common Council July 26[th] 1814

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen: Peter Mesier, Jonas Mapes, Peter M[c]Cartee, Thomas R Smith, Jonathan Lawrence, George Buckmaster, Peter H Wendover, Nicholas Fish, Reuben Munson

Assistants: John Nitchie, Jos. Warren Brackett, Elisha W King, Gideon Tucker, Mott Cannon, Arthur Burtis

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board, that the Committee appointed to wait upon the President of the United States on the subject of the *subject of the* defence of the City having returned from their mission he had summoned the Common Council to receive their Report

Alderman Mapes from the said Committee presented a Report which being read was in the words following. The Committee &[c] Report that in pursuance of their Instructions & fully impressed [319]

* Clerk's error in numbering. No intervening pages.—Ed.

with the urgency of the business committed to them they repaired with all possible dispatch to the seat of Government & waited on the Executive on the 19th Inst and also by his direction on the Secretary of War

Your Committee had a full and attentive hearing & it is but justice to remark that their application received that prompt and early attention which the importance & magnitude of the subject required; & that every disposition was evinced on the part of the Government to comply as far as in their power, with the wishes of this Corporation

They beg leave to submit the following as the result of their final interview with the Secretary of war to whom the application was refered

The Government will call into immediate service 3000 Militia (the number contemplated by this Board) to be considered as part of the States' quota conditionally ordered by the President 22d June

All the requisite arms & other military stores as well as ordnance for two fortified Camps will be furnished by the war Department except so many muskets as can be supplied from the State Arsenal. Such muskets as the general government may furnish will be considered [320] as the property of the State & be charged against their proportion allowed by the law of Congress for arming the whole body of the militia; the Governor giving a receipt for the same—The Troops will also be furnished with subsistence & camp equipage; but their monthly pay is to be advanced by this Corporation, which will again receive it from the General Government

Proper & skilful officers (Genl Swift & Colo Wadsworth as your committee are informed) will be directed to lay out the proposed Camps, to superintend the fortifying the same, and to provide & inspect the ordnance necessary for the purpose

As an impression prevailed that there existed at this port a great deficiency of military stores your Committee deem it not improper to present to the Board the annexed Schedule of such as were in this depot on the 1st April which quantity, it is understood, has been rather increasing. By this document of the war Department, it will be perceived that there is an ample store of every thing but muskets, of this article your Committee are informed there are 2000 on their way from Philadelphia & a large stock at Springfield which if wanted could in a few days be delivered here

With respect to the number of Men in the Harbour [321] there is considerable difference between the returns to the war Department & those lately reported to this Board—The former stating the force at 2600 while the report of the special Committee makes it only 1600

the cause of this difference between the two returns it is not in the power of your Committee to explain

The foregoing were the arrangements agreed on between the Secretary of War and your Committee. More being embraced therein than was originally contemplated by the Board or expected by the Committee it is hoped these arrangements will prove satisfactory and meet with a ready concurrence

All which is respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) J Mapes
Th R Smith

Schedule

347 Pieces of iron heavy cannon 18p[rs] & upwards including 22 Columbiads 50 p[rs] and one D[o] 100 p[r] mounted on fixed carriages & equipped for service
10—18 p[rs] on travelling carriages defective in the Wheels new wheels have been ordered
11—12 & 9 p[rs] on travelling carriages
22—6 p[rs] on travelling carriages of which 7 are Brass
5—8 Inch Howitzers on travelling carriages
5—10 Inch mortars mounted on wooden Beds

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400 pieces for service
Forty old cannon Mortars dismounted or unserviceable

[322] Ammunition

44131 Round shot for heavy guns 18p[rs] & upwards
1087 Shot & shells for columbiads
5241 Shells for 10 & 8 Inch Mortars & Howitzers
12572 Round Shot for light guns 12 p[rs] & under
610 Case shot for heavy guns
3133 Strapped canister & grape Shot for light guns
12203 filled cartridges for heavy guns
105185 pounds powder for cannon & muskets
788794 Musket cartridges including 429020 at the laboratory
104894 Musket flints including 74800 D[o] D[o]

Note The foregoing sketch is taken from the returns of the quarter ending 31[st] March. some fluctuation takes place in the ammunition, which upon the whole is constantly increasing

(Sig[d]) Decius Wadsworth
Comp[y] Gen[l] of Ordinance

PS. This sketch having been made in haste may be a little inaccurate but will not essentially mislead

The Report being read was approved and it was refered to the Committee of Defence to carry the measures proposed in said report into effect and to confer with his Excellency the Governor as to the same

A Petition from Oliver Wolcott & others on the subject [323] of the defence of the City was read and refered to the Committee of defence

Resolved that the injunction of secrecy respecting the proceedings of the Board on the subject of defence be taken off so far as relates to the measures of defence now contemplated

Resolved that it be refered to the former Committee on that subject viz His Honor the Mayor Alder[n] Fish & Wendover to select from their report and the proceedings of the Board, on the subject of defence such parts as they may judge discreet to be made known & to give publicity to the same.

Resolved that the thanks of this Common Council be presented to Alderman Mapes & Alderman Smith the Committee appointed to wait upon the President of the U S. at Washington on the subject of the defence of this City for their prompt and faithful attention to the duties committed to them

Adjourned to meet at the Alms House on Monday next 4 o Clock for quarterly visitation

[324] In Common Council August 1[st] 1814

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Peter McCartee		Augus[n] H Lawrence	
Jonathan Lawrence		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		Gideon Tucker	
Peter H Wendover		Mott Cannon	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
Jonas Mapes		Arthur Burtis	
		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		Noah Brown	

The Board met agreably to adjournment and visited the Alms House and Bridewell

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

The Council agreably to order presented an ordinance entitled "a Law to amend the law regulating the fees of weighmasters & measurers passed 12 April 1812" which was passed

A further petition of the Bakers praying an additional allowance

to them in the Excise [325] was read & laid on the table. The Report of the Committee on that subject was made the order of the day for next meeting

A petition of Samuel Jones Junr praying that the Board will order 28th Street to be opened from the 3d Avenue to the East River instead of from the 2d Avenue, as before ordered was read & the prayer thereof granted—The Council presented a petition to the Supreme Court for appointment of Commissioners of Estimate & assessment agreably thereto which was directed to be duly authenticated

A petition of John Young for remission of penalty incurred by selling bread not being of legal weight was read & refered with authority to remit to Alderm Buckmaster Alderm Mapes.

A petition of Eve Bunce praying indulgence of six months for paying an assessment laid upon her for running a pier East side of New Slip, was read and granted

A Remonstrance of owners of ground between Catharine & Market Street Slips against filling [326] in and making Front Street was read & laid on the table to be taken up when the ordinance on that subject was considered

A petition of John Ackley for remission of a fine incurred by selling meat out of the regular market—a petition of Wm Post for Stall No 12 Fly market, & a petition from Andrew Hutton for a stall in Washington market were read & refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of Henry Titus for purchase of three Lots of ground corner of Pearl & Chatham St was read & refered to the Comptroller

A petition of Henry Bullwinkle praying relief on a contract made by him for filling in Collect Lot No 3 was read & refered to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Stephen Doan praying remission of a fine incurred by selling butchers meat in his Shop was read & refered to the Attorney with power to remit the same

A petition of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church stating, that they are desirous [327] of purchasing the Lot corner of Wall & Nassau St was read & refered to Alderm Mesier Mr Nitchie Mr Lawrence

A petition of James Amory for permission to assign Lease of Lot No 185 Common lands to Abm K Smedes was read & refered to the Comptroller with authority to grant the praye[r] of p[e]titioner

A petition of Peter Wiseman for appointment of wood Inspector was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A petition of Nathaniel Dobbs stating that some time since he had

purchased a Lot in Sullivan Street that being about to build thereon he procured Mr Loss City Surveyor to give him the regulation of said Street & he built agreably thereto—that by a late regulation his House will be thrown back four feet from the Street and the lower story buried under ground—and praying some relief—Ordered that the same be refered to the Street Commissr

A Petition of John Stanwood stating that he had enlisted on board a Gun Boat for a [328] Year—that his time was expired and that he was still detained—Ordered to lie on the table

A Report from the Trustees of the African free School of the disposition of the School money granted to them was read and ordered to be filed

A petition of Thomas Knox Executor of Nicholas Gouverneur deceased praying remission of penalty incurred by not filling in a Lot agreably to an ordinance—And a similar petition from William Ross were read and refered to the Attorney with authority to remit the penalties upon the ordinances being complied with by the petitioners

A petition that Goerck Street may be regulated between Broome & Grand St was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

A petition from David V Smith for time to 16th Inst for filling in a certain Lot of ground ordered by ordinance to be filled up was read & the prayer thereof granted.

A petition of Jacob Halsey for water grant [329] opposite his Lot in Washington St between Watts & Desbrosses St. was read & refered to the Comptroller

The City Inspector on the petition of Charles Racey Reported—that upon a personal examination of the place complained of as a nuisance he is of opinion that it is not now necessary to enforce the ordinance & therefore recommends that the fine be remitted

(Sigd) J Morton City Inspr

which was approved

He also reported on the petition of Robert Welshman. That petitioner remedied the nuisance complained of in part, but did not comply with the ordinance fully—he therefore recommends that time be given him to the 12th Inst to comply with the same, & if then complied with that the fine be remitted on payment of costs

(Sigd) J Morton City Inspr

which was approved

And on the petition of Richard Edmunds he reported—that owing to some misunderstanding between the Landlord & the Tenant the

ordinance was not complied with at the time therein prescribed—but was complied [330] with immediately thereafter—He therefore recommends that the fine be remitted upon payment of costs

(Sig^{d}) J Morton City Insp^{r}

which was approved

The Committee to whom it was refered to prepare such a statement of the proceedings of the Common Council as it would be proper to publish reported That they have authorized the publication of the following

"Proceedings of the Common Council in relation to the defence of New York

On the 7th July the Com^{n} Council appointed a Committee composed of the Mayor alder^{n} Fish & Wendover to consider on the subject of the defence of the City and to report at the next meeting of the Board

The Committee proceeded immediately to discharge the duty assigned to them and at a special meeting of the Board held on the 14th they made a particular representation of the state of our defence and recommended that certain measures be adopted to encrease our security, This Report for obvious reasons it would be improper to publish at large—but [331] it recommended that a Committee should be appointed to confer with the President of the U S. that fortified Camps should be established on the heights of Brooklyn & Harlaem and that the requisite ground should be procured at the expence of the Board. That the governor be respectfully requested to call out a large portion of the Militia at the expense of the State and that the Corporation would advance the necessary funds not exceeding 300000. Dollars that the munitions of war should be augmented—that the works in the Sound & on Hendricks Reef be completed—That the Exempts be organized—the voluntary labor of our fellow Citizens on the Encampments be solicited—and that other measures of precaution & security be adopted—These suggestions were unanimously agreed to, on the 25th July the Committee appointed to confer with the President made a satisfactory Report which stated that he would co-operate so far as his power extended in promoting the objects of the Corporation —That particularly the munitions of war—the fortified Camps and the immediate calling into service 3000 Militia at the expence of the U S. would be attended to—the Corporation advancing the pay of the Troops—This [332] arrangement was immediately sanctioned

The Measures which it might not be prudent to divulge at present

are in contemplation or in train for execution which will greatly conduce to the public security"

The Committee consider it due to themselves to state in explanation of the difference between the representation derived from the war department and their former report that their information of the number of Troops in this port was derived from the commanding General and that even admitting the correctness of the counter statement it does not overthrow their general conclusion with respect to the inadequacy of the Force

As it respects the heavy ordinance or stationary Artillery, there is a perfect agreement—With regard to the field Artillery their information was obligingly furnished by Gen[l] Morton, whose accuracy in such cases is entitled to implicit confidence, in the following letter

N York July 12. 1814

Sir

Agreably to your request I made enquiry of Gen[l] Lewis as to the number of heavy artillery mounted on travelling carriages the property of the United States and now at this [*334] *this* station and was informed there were

4 18 p[rs] in good order 11 18 p[rs] carriages old	Iron
3 12 p[rs] 10—6 p[rs]	Iron
1 24 p[r]—2.12 p[rs] 1—5½ inch Howitzer	Brass

The effective men of my Brigade may be estimated at one thousand men—they have been all exercised at the great guns

respectfully

J Morton

The difference between this report & that made to the war Department is owing to this circumstance—The first embraces the field Artillery on the Island of New York alone the other includes all the field artillery on that of the different Islands in the port.

While the Committee are sorry to observe that their apprehensions with regard to the want of an adequate supply of muskets and fixed ammunition for cannon are confirmed, they are happy to find such a liberal provision of fixed ammunition in other respects—and they are still more happy to learn a decided determination to make our munitions of war commensurate with this important crisis in the affairs of our country

This exposition has been reduced to writing because the opposite statement being on the [334] Minutes of this Board, a verbal repre-

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

sentation would be inadequate to repel unjust imputations at some distant period

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents upon assessments for regulating and paving Charlton Street—for repaving Beekman Street & for improving & repairing Ferry St Drain. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of W^m Stratton for $33 for digging a Well c^r Mott & Bayard St Reported That M^r Roome the late Superintendant of repairs, has informed him that W^m Stratton was only a journeyman employed by James Horner in digging the Well at the corner of Mott & Bayard St. and it appears by the Minutes of the Corporation that on the 14^th Nov^r 1808 Ja^s Horner petitioned the Board for his compensation for digging said Well—which was refered to the Sup^dt of Repairs—who reported against it, as the well was not completed there being a deficiency of nine Inches of water [335] therefore it was ordered that the Superintendant adhere to the Rule established respecting auditing accounts of persons employed in digging Wells

On 25^th Feb^y 1811 Ann Horner petitioned for the above money as due to her late Husband when leave was given to withdraw her petition

This Well is still incomplete & the St Com^sr can see no reason why W^m Stratton should make any claim therefor

respectfully submitted

(Sig^d) Jn^o M^cComb St Com^sr

He also, on the Petition of John Gardner reported

That it appears that the curb & gutter stone claimed by M^r Gardner, was the property of his father—the St Com^sr has therefore had an % taken of them—as they are now used in front of the Corporation property—they are worth $ and if the Board approves of it will deduct the amount from M^r Gardners assessment for paving in Wall Street

respectfully submitted

(Sig^d) Jn^o M^cComb St Com^sr

which was approved & the Street Commissioner was authorized to adjust & settle said account

The Street Commissioner & City Inspector to whom was refered the presentment of the Grand [336] Jury on the subject of the

ground near the Arsenal—and also that part of Orange Street Elm & Anthony Street near the Collect Reported That they have examined the ground & Streets complained of and find that the ground about the Arsenal is a receptacle for all the filth & dead animals of the neighbourhood—it is also used by the contractors for the Street manure, as a deposit for the straw & filth collected at the markets which together renders that spot a very great nuisance

They therefore recommend that the public ground be fenced in immediately, and that the proprietors of the vacant lots be directed by ordinances, to cause the same to be fenced in; to prevent their being a receptacle for filth &c as there is no way by which this evil can be remedied but by enclosing the ground.

The situation of Orange Street is also extremely disagreable, as the lower end of the Street, & the cellars there, are receptacles for the filth & dirty water of all the Streets draining into it where it stagnates, as there is no descent to carry the water into collect Street—of course there is no way to correct this nuisance but to raise & repave Orange Street

[337] Your Committee therefore recommend that Orange Street be raised & repaved

Elm & Anthony Streets are not in so bad a situation as Orange Street, but if they were regulated & paved it would effectually do away the evil complained of

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) John McComb St Comsr
J Morton City Inspr

which was approved & the Supdt of Repairs directed to carry the same into effect as far as relates to the public grounds

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well in Arundle St between Stanton & Rivington St which was passed & Wm Stilwell Ezekiel Bishop & Jacob Tallman appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well in Lumber St & for paving Hudson St from Spring to Clarkson Street, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appd Collector in each

The comptroller presented the following statement

The Comptroller begs leave to call the attention of the Common Council to a subject of much importance to wit, the completion of the buildings [338] at Bellevue, which must necessarily be retarded unless immediate measures are taken to provide the pecuniary means to finish them, as all the funds heretofore appropriated to that object are now expended

It was never supposed that the ordinary sources of Revenue would be sufficient to defray the charges of the City & the expenses of those buildings, & experience has demonstrated that it will not. The operations now going on at Bellevue must therefore be discontinued or funds must be provided from some extra source for the completion of that proud establishment—to suspend the work at present would be impolitic because it is so situated now, in consequence of previous arrangements, that the expence of finishing it would be much less than at any other time—it would require considerable labor & expense to secure it from the weather & preserve the materials already on hand and it would deprive of their daily employ nearly 200 workmen most of whose families are dependant on them for their daily support

It is therefore respectfully suggested to authorize the Finance Committee to borrow a Sum not exceeding 50,000 Dollars to be appropriated to that particular purpose

[339] The Comptroller is well aware of the repugnance that exists to borrowing money of which he partakes in a great degree, but it is much lessened on this occasion by a knowledge of the importance of the object in view and a full confidence that the means of payment in a few months is certain and within the control of the Board

It is contemplated to dispose of the grounds lately obtained from this State & the U. S. in February next and if no state of things worse than the present then exists, it is computed

they will bring say.....	$160000
from which deduct the cost say.....	$80000
	80000

which will pay the money now proposed to be borrowed the Sum which was last year borrowed for defence and leave a considerable balance to be disposed of in such manner as may then be directed

respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein

Which was approved & the sum of fifty thousand Dollars directed to be borrowed for the said purpose

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Comp^{y} N^{o} 1.

W^{m} Scott, Acc^{t}, N^{o} 137 Washington St, 3^{d} W^{d},
vice, J V^{n} Benthuysen res^{gd}

James Vanderpool, Grocer, Albany basin, N^{o} 7, 1 W^{d}
vice, Sam^{l} Frost D^{o}

[340] Hook & Ladder N° 3

John Bartholf, Carpenter, Thompson S^{t}, 8th W^{d},
vice, Anth^{y} Hancock res^{gd}

F. E. Comp^{y} N° 7

John Garner, Tailor, No 305 pearl St 2^{d} W^{d} }
Jas D Gilpin, Currier, 2 Jacob St 2^{d} " } Additional
Tho^{s} B Vermilyea Mor^{co} dresser 7 Rose St 4 " } Men
W^{m} Willis D° D° 58 Frankfort S^{t} 4th " }

F. E. Comp^{y} N° 9

Jn° Ball Jun^{r}, Mason, N° 3 Moore St 1^{s} W^{d},
vice Geo W Gosman res^{d}

Jon^{n} Moore, grocer, N° 67 Broad St 1 W^{d},
vice, Barnard Rapalye do

David Hallock D°, N° 141 Green " 2 W^{d}
" , Josiah Muir do

F. E. Comp^{y} N° 17

Daniel Dyke, Shipwright, N° 62 First St, 10th W^{d},
vice Andrew Carpenter do

Francis Cassillear D°, N° 107 Henry S^{t}, 7 W^{d},
vice Rob^{t} Smithen do

F. E. Comp^{y} N° 36

Ab^{m} Ackerman, Mason, Varrick St, 8th W^{d},
vice John Freeman D°

An ordinance for making Front Street from James Slip to Market Street Slip which was at the last Meeting refered to the Committee on laws was now taken up & passed—authority was given to the Ferry Committee to suspend such parts of said ordinance as were not necessary for the accomodation of the Ferry

The Committee on laws to whom the subject had been refered presented a law entitled "a law [341] relative to dogs"—which was considered by paragraphs and passed

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of register under said law when Ephraim Jennings was duly chosen

The Committee of defence presented the following address from the Common Council to the Citizens of New York which having been read was agreed to unanimously

Fellow Citizens

The times are portentous. our Country is involved in war with one of the most powerful nations in the World: A nation possessing at all

times most efficient means of annoyance & now in consequence of late events in Europe, left with but one object, against which to direct the whole attention of her enormous military & naval forces. This object is our beloved Country! powerful Fleets and armies have sailed from Europe. Doubts whether during pending negocia[tia]tions, this force would be employed in hostility against us, have paralized the efforts of many; and under the expectations of a speedy peace, we have all rested in too much security. We ought not to be kept back from necessary preparations by doubts, not to be lulled [342] asleep by expectations. While we hope for a speedy and honorable peace; let us prepare ourselves for the worst; Let us place ourselves in a situation, should it be the policy of the Enemy to attack us, before the negociations are terminated to meet him with the most prompt & vigorous opposition.

Where the place of attack will be, it is impossible for any to divine. It therefore becomes us to be prepared at every exposed point. The immense importance of New York to this Country need not be mentioned; Its value to the Enemy if possessed by them would be incalculable

Fellow Citizens, this City is in danger, we are threatened with invasion. It is the duty of all good citizens to prepare for the crisis; we must arm ourselves to aid the regular forces of the government in a vigorous defence.

The questions are not now, whether the war was just or unjust in its commencement—whether the declaration of it was politic or expedient, whether its causes have long ago ceased or not—whether our government might or might not have brought it to a speedy & honorable termination or whether they have done their duty towards us since they involved us in this war? These are solemn questions which will one day be [343] agitated, and which must be answered hereafter; But now we must repulse the Enemy from our City in case he attacks us; This is the first object of our attention: and the present enquiries ought to be, will we defend our Country, our City, our property, our families? Will we go forth to meet & repell the invading Enemy? shall we at a time like this, when our all is in jeopardy refrain from calling into requisition all the physical force of our City for a manly resistance? shall we refuse to sacrafice our time, our labor, our exertions, our property or even our lives if necessary to protect our City and place it in a state of security.

As the immediate guardians of the City we have not been idle, we have repeatedly called upon the State & general governments for assistance. we have in behalf of our fellow Citizens made to govern-

ment liberal offers of pecuniary aid. we have received from them promises of succour, & we feel desirous, that in addition to what they may do, & what we as a Corporation have done, our fellow Citizens may use all their efforts to co-operate with the Government in the important object of our safety & defence.

We have observed with much satisfaction the [344] efforts, which have been already made, by Citizens, exempt from militia duty, to organize themselves into effective corps. We cordially approve of all such patriotic efforts. We recommend to all such citizens, capable of bearing arms, to enroll themselves without delay or to connect themselves with the uniform Companies already established, to the end that by suitable preparation and discipline, they may be able effectually to assist in repelling any hostile attack.

We recommend to the whole militia of our City, to keep themselves, in complete order for service, ready to march at a moments warning, to turn out as frequently as possible, for exercise and improvement; and to the officers of the militia, we would most earnestly recommend the most prompt and thorough attention to the inspection of their men, that every one may be properly equipped with arms and accoutrements as required by law.

We recommend to all our Citizens, a cheerful proffer of their services, to the officers of the U. S. to aid by voluntary labor, in the completion of the works of defence now erecting & in the [345] construction of such others as may be deemed important, by those to whom the safety of our City is immediately intrusted.

We recommend to such of our Citizens as have not yet removed their vessels to do it without delay. This measure is considered one of great importance. It will take away one of the inducements to a hostile attack. It may prevent the destruction of the City by conflagration, should our shipping be fired by the Enemy, at our Wharves; and it would preserve for our defence multitudes of brave & vigorous men, who might otherwise be engaged in removing them in the hour of alarm.

Surely the City of New York & the adjoining counties possess men enough who will be willing to hazard their lives for their families & firesides; and strength enough if properly organized & directed to repulse any power of the Enemy which may presume to attack us. Let there then be but one voice among us. Let every arm be raised to defend our Country with a humble reliance on the God of our fathers. Our Country demands our aid, she expects that every man will be

found at his post in the hour of danger and that every free Citizen of New York will do his [346] *his* duty.

(Sig[d]) Nicholas Fish
John Nitchie
Peter Mesier
Gideon Tucker
G Buckmaster

The following Resolutions were presented by Alder[n] Wendover

Resolved that the Common Council highly approve of the sentiments expressed in the memorial presented by Oliver Wolcott & others in behalf of themselves & a number of the Citizens of this City on the important subject of taking immediate & effectual measures for its greater security & defence

Resolved that it be earnestly recommended to the Citizens generally of this City to meet in the Park in front of the City Hall on Wednesday next the 3[d] Inst at 12 OClock at noon for the purpose of appointing a Committee to enquire if any & what means ought and may be devised, to put this City in a better posture of defence, and in conjunction with the Committee of defence of this Board to pursue all practical measures in concert with the general & state government calculated to [347] prepare for & stimulate our fellow Citizens in the protection & defence of every thing we hold dear & valuable in life and to repel any attack that may be made by the Enemy against this City

The question being taken thereon & a division being called they passed in the negative as follows

Negative .11

Alder[n] Mesier, Mapes, M[c]Cartee, Lawrence, Fish Mess[rs] Nitchie, A Lawrence, King, Hardenbrook, Brown

Affirmative 7.

Alder[n] Buckmaster, Wendover, Munson Mess[rs] Tucker, Cannon, Mann, Burtis

An application for a fire engine to be deposited at the Ship yards of Mess[rs] A & N Brown while the Steam Frigate is building, was refered to the committee on the Fire Department with authority to grant the request

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury..... $12497.40

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	"	621.25
Holden & Lawrence	"	474.25
Hedden & Angevine	"	339.50
[348] Thos R Mercein Compr 1 Qr Salry & Sundry Small acts		565.15
R Graves Asst St Comsr	" "	195.00
M Ackerman keeper Potters field—1 Aug		45.00
S McCormick park keeper	do	46.50
C E Duncan St Inspr	do	62.00
Saml Green Do	do	62.00
A B Holmes Do	do	62.00
B Hicks Asst City Inspr	do	62.00
Martling & Cozzens Dinner 4th July		462.00
B Skaats cash pd cleaning Hall		91.30
Bloodgood & Peckwell taking census 2d Wd		180.00
Marvin & Duncan	" " 7 Wd	220.00
Baker & Tylee	" " 6 Wd	220.00
Wm Stratton reprs to Wells		33.12
A Smyth on Acct Charlton St		200.00
J Bailey paving Wall intersectn South St		100.00
J Meghan balc on acct Beekman St		141.49
A Stagg on acct Prince St		400.00
J Cunningham on acct Cherry St		300.00
T & G Lovett on acct pavg South near Beekman St		150.00
C Oneil 1st Instlmt well pump Lumber St		51.20
Kelley & Ayres on acct contct filg Collect Lots		150.00
H Bullwinkle Balc on	" " " "	124.98
T & G Lovett 2d Instlmt pier E side Jas Slip		521.90
J Hardcastle printing 1 Qr to 1 Augst		168.65
R Furman Alms Ho & Bridewell		5000.00
C Dickenson Treasr Bd of Health		350.00
		12094.04
Balc		$403.36

[349] In Common Council Aug^{t} 15th 1814

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Jos. Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes		Joseph W Brackett
Peter McCartee		Augus. H Lawrence
Jonathan Lawrence		Elisha W King
George Buckmaster		Gideon Tucker
Peter H Wendover		Mott Cannon
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis
Reuben Munson		Asa Mann
		Wm A Hardenbrook
		Noah Brown

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approv'd

A Letter signed H Rutgers & O Wolcott enclosing the proceedings of a number of citizens convened in the Park on the 10^{h} Inst on subject of the Defence of the City, was read & refered to the Com^{te} of Defence

A Request was received from John W Weyman Secretary of the N American Coal Company requesting the loan of the Boring Machine belonging [350] to the Corporation—which request was granted

A Presentment of the grand Jury against the indecent practice of persons making water against the walls of the City Hall was read & refered to the City Inspector

A Petition of Dealers in second hand cloths &^{c} praying reduction in the price of licenses was refered to the Committee on laws & ordinances

A Petition of Donald Frazer for some appointment under the Corporation was read and laid for consideration

A petition for a pump in Lombardy Street between Market & Pike Street was refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward and Street Commissioner

A Communication from the members of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 2 profering their services to the Com^{n} Council for the defence of the City in any way thought advisable was refered to the Com^{e} of Defence

A petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich [351] Village requesting some regulation in the Street where assylum St is intersected by Charles St & also that a pump may be placed there; was ref^{d} to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the ward & St Com^{r}

A Remonstrance against the assessment for Sullivan St was read & refered to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance against raising & paving Orange St was refered to the Alderman & assistant of the 6^{h} Ward

A Letter from Gen^{l} Swift Com^{dt} of U S Corps of Engineers stating that a Map of the City was necessary to him in laying out the projected work of defence on this Island was read—and the Clerk was directed to furnish one to Gen^{l} Swift agreably to his request

A petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 10^{h} Ward that some Butchers might be permitted to kill meat and vend the same in said ward was refered to the Market Committee

A petition of P & G Lorillard that the Boxes for the discharge of water from Lespinards meadow [352] thro' the cross Streets might be enlarged the better to discharge the waters from the same, was read and refered to the St Com^{rs}

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 2

David Navarro, Sail Maker 101 Cath St, 7 W^{d} vice Dav^{d} Durand Deceas^{d}

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 18.

Henry W Rosenbaum, Clothier, 258 Water St, 2^{d} W^{d} vice Effingham L Embree resg^{d}

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 23.

Joseph Durbrew J^{r}, Chair maker, 442 Pearl St, 4th W^{d} vice W^{m} Hart resg^{d}

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 32

David Seaman Butcher C^{r} Stanton & first St, 10 W^{d} vice Peter Durr resg^{d}

A Petition of John Rogers was read stating that the Ferry Stairs at Beekman Slip is inconvenient as at present situated & praying that it may be removed to the East side of the Slip that petitioner will contribute one thousand Dollars towards the expence of such removal

Ordered that the same be refered to the Ferry Committee

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had received information from [353] Com^{r} Decatur that the secretary of the Navy had given him command of the naval force at this station and had directed him to co-operate in the defence of this Harbour with such other forces as might be stationed here for that purpose

The Committee to whom was refered the communication of the Governor on the subject of holding the next Session of the Legislature

in this City Reported That they have taken the same into mature deliberation and are of opinion that it will be perfectly convenient for the Common Council to accomodate the Legislature should they resolve to hold their next or subsequent Session in this City; and for that purpose recommend to the Board that the room now occupied by the Court of Sessions, be assigned for the Honorable the assembly and either the Council chamber or the corresponding Room on the South east corner of the City Hall be assigned for the Hon[l] the Senate, and that such Rooms either in the City Hall or the adjacent public Building as may be suitable and convenient be appropriated to the use of the different public officers of government.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

[354] Resolved that as soon as the Common Council is informed that the honorable the Legislature have determined to hold their next session in this City; immediate measures be taken to fit up and furnish at the expense of this Corporation, suitable Rooms for the honorable the Senate & for the hon[l] the Assembly, and for such of the Officers of Government as are necessarily connected with the Legislature at their place of meeting and that the papers and other articles belonging to said offices be removed to this City at the expense of this Corporation

P H Wendover
(Sig[d]) Nicholas Fish
E W King

which was approved & a copy of said Resolutions directed to be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor

The Comptroller on the petition of Henry Titus praying the Board to sell him the property he now holds under lease. the corner of Pearl & Chatham Street reported that he considers it inexpedient to sell property so valuable and productive

Which Report was approved

[355] The Council communicated to the Board that the Supreme Court had confirmed the reports of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment, in the case of 3[d] avenue and Frankfort St. Pearl St near Chatham St—First Avenue from 10[th] to 25[th] St & 13[th] St from the Bowery to the Road called Stuyvesant St. & recommending the appointment of a collector to collect the sums assessed for benefits—whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector for said purpose

The Street Commissioner on the petitioner of Nathaniel Dobbs presented a Report which refered to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of H Bulwinkle reported —That Henry Bulwinkle did on the 18th July 1812 contract to fill up a part of the collect ground known by plot N° 3 estimated to require 5262 loads to fill the same including the half of the adjoining Streets for the sum of $249.94. but owing to his not completing the business immediately—it has settled so much, that it is probable it has taken 2000 loads more to fill it than was contemplated at the time the agreement was made

The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the Lots are much improved by the additional [356] quantity of earth which has been put on, therefore recommends that one hundred Dollars be allowed Mr Bullwinkle over and above what he was to have received per contract

(Sigd) John McComb

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreably thereto

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a well in attorney. and in Ridge Street, and for repaving Lumber St which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on assessments for opening the First avenue from North Street to the Northerly side of 10th Street & a Warrant was ordered to issue for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner on the petition for regulating part of Goerck Street reported that in his opinion that part of Goerck Street ought to be raised and regulated as it is now so low that the water of grand & Broome Streets flows into it

(Sigd) Jn° McComb St Comsr

[357] which was approved

The City Inspector presented ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons.

Cornelius J Bogert	Lot.	Cr Grand & Essex	Sts
J Edwards	"	Goerck	"
Marinus Willett	"	Delancy	"
Francis Rodgers	nuisance	89 Chapple	"
Garrett Abeel	53 & 55	Augustus	"
Henry Myers		16 Anthony	St
J Edwards		Goerck	"
Smith		91 James	"
Demarest		8 Varick	"
Henry Rutgers		266 Cherry	"
Jacob Latting		Greenwich	St

Which were severally passed

The Street Commissioner presented the contract entered into with Messrs Peter & Elias Dobbs for building the pier & Bulkhead at Brooklyn which was directed to be duly executed.

The following Report was presented by the Chairman of the Committee of Finance

The Committee of Finance and the Comptroller have the honor to inform the Corporation [358] that in obedience to the Resolution of the Board of the 6th Inst ordering a loan to be effected for fifty thousand Dollars, towards the completion of the Bellevue establishment that they have effected the same by a loan from the mechanics Bank payable in twelve months on a Bond of the Corporation bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum

In making this communication to the Board the undersigned beg leave to observe That considering the very great pressure on all our monied Institutions at present the prompt & handsome manner in which the president & Directors of that Bank complied with the proposition of your Committee merits in their opinion the high consideration of the Corporation

Sigd A H Lawrence Ch F Comt
Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was approved

The Committee to whom was refered the report of the Comptroller on the subject of Delancy Street adjoining the property of Coln Willett reported

That they have maturely considered the subject and viewed the Street in question and the adjacent grounds and improvements, and find the report of the Comptroller substantially correct [359] on examination it appears that by a grant made to Coln Willett bounded by low water mark, he owns a plot of fifty by about twenty five feet on that part of Delancy Street originally intended to remain 150 feet wide which plot lies on the south east corner of Delancy & Goerck Streets and is vacant, That Coln Willett sold one lot between that and the East River which is improved, that in erecting a house on said lot, by mistaking the line of low water mark said house has been erected twenty five feet on the ground contemplated for the Street of 150 feet wide.

Should the Common Council determine to reduce the width of this part of the Street from 150 to 100 feet Coln Willett will give an equivalent in ground for whatever part of the original St he may acquire by such reduction—But it is understood that the opposite proprietor is not

willing to make any compensation for ground he may obtain by such alteration and the reduction on one side only would create a want of uniformity in the Street

The distance between Goerck & Mangin St is about 200 feet of which about 70 Feet west of Mangin St forms a part of the Slip unfilled in, at the head of which the water [360] is about 15 feet deep, and it is presumed that from 15 to 20 Years will elapse before it will be necessary to fill it in further consequently should the width of the Street be reduced the necessary passage round the head of the Slip will cause a break in the improvements injurious to the property and disagreable to the view.

The only obstacles that exist in retaining the Street in the original plan of 150 feet are first the plot of Col[n] Willett above mentioned & secondly the house built 25 feet on the Street The house is *is* a two story frame Building of ordinary size with but one stock of chimnies & could in the opinion of your Committee be moved to the intended line with comparatively little expense, while the cost of the ground owned by Col[n] Willett & projecting in the Street could bear no proportion to the benefit to be derived to the adjacent property by completing the original plan.

Your Committee therefore after mature deliberation and from considering the local and relative situation of this Slip; and the general importance of spacious Slips for commercial & other purposes, are decidedly of opinion that the original plan [361] of Delancy Slip ought to be retained, and that regular measures be taken to obtain the plot of Col[n] Willett projecting thereon, and also for moving the House refered to from its present position to the original line; in which opinion the Street Commissioner & the Comptroller (from a view of the premises in company with the Committee) fully concur.

(Sig[d]) P H Wendover
J Nitchie

Which was approved

The report of the Committee on the petition of the Bakers was agreably to order being read was as follows

The Committee to whom was refered the petitions of sundry Bakers of this City beg leave to report—that in their opinion the enhanced price of fuel labor & house rent entitle the petitioners to an additional allowance of 75 cents per barrel for every barrel by them baked hereafter Your Committee therefore recommend that in the future regulation of the assize of bread that four Dollar*ds* & twenty

five cents be allowed in lieu of the present allowance of three Dollars & fifty cents—That the said assize be regulated by the price of New York superfine flour and that this [362] regulation continue in force for one year

(Sig[d]) Cha[s] Dickenson
N Fish.

Which was agreed to

The following Report from the Committee of defence was presented & agreed to—and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Committee of defence respectfully report to the Common Council. That in pursuance of instructions from the Board they immediately requested Brig[dr] Gen[l] Swift, of the Corps of Engineers to furnish them as soon as possible, with the plan of such additional works of defence as might be deemed necessary, by him to place this City in a state of complete defence. To this request that valuable officer gave the most prompt attention—On being furnished by him with a plan the Committee made an appeal to the patriotism of their fellow Citizens to furnish voluntary aid in the erection of the works. The appeal was answered by them with one heart & one mind—prepared for this appeal by the address of the Common Council, every one was a[n]xious to offer his services on the interesting occasion—volunteer associations pressed forward with their overtures [363] all anxious to be engaged in the honorable emplyment of self defence, on the earliest day that could be appointed—In these overtures the Committee remarked with heartfelt pleasure that there appeared to be no distinction of party or situation in life. Citizens of every political party seemed to vie with each other only in efforts to protect our Country from invasion by the enemy—They all appeared to meet on the ground of self defence as on a common ground

That the City must be gallantly defended was the universal opinion and every individual felt it necessary to spare no pains no means within his power to deter from or to repel any hostile attempt—The rich and the poor have alike profered their services and have wrought together on the same works intermingling their labor with the most patriotic emulation—Those who were unable to give their personal labor to the common cause have voluntarily came forward and contributed liberally in money for the employment of substitutes—and many of their fellow Citizens have given both money & personal labor with alacrity

The Committee think proper to mention these facts as honorable to their fellow Citizens [364] in the highest degree, and to shew to the

Corporation that they have not calculated in vain on the patriotic spirit of their constituents & their disposition in every respect to obey & carry into effect the suggestions and recommendations of the constituted authorities. The Committee think that from the confidence the Citizens appear to have in the zeal of the Corporation and the ardor they evince in seconding their efforts the proposed works will be nearly if not quite completed by the voluntary labor & contribution of the Citizens. The Committee regret that at a time like this when the daily labor of their poorer fellow citizens is so important to themselves & their families, our situation is such as to place them under a necessity of devoting that labor to the public service—They hope that this consideration will induce those who are more able in their circumstances to contribute more liberally, to enable the committee to employ hired laborers, when the claims of their families may compel those patriotic Citizens to discontinue their gratuitous labors.

The works in the rear of Brooklyn were commenced on Tuesday last by the officers of Brig[d] Gen[l] Mape's Brigade & the Artillery [365] Company of Capt[n] Andrew Bremner who had the honor of breaking ground—on each successive day parties of volunteer citizens to the amount of from 500 to upwards of 1000 a day have labored on the works—The spirit of volunteering personal labor seems still to be ardent—many thousands are now on the lists of the Committee waiting their turn for doing duty

Voluntary contributions to the amount of about thirty five hundred Dollars have been received by the Committee from public Institutions and individuals resident in the City and abroad, as a commutation for personal service & to furnish the Committee with the means of defraying necessary expenses

The inhabitants of Kings County have in a very laudable manner volunteered their services and the Committee understand that the yeomanry of our sister State. New-Jersey are unsolicitedly making preparations to tender their services

The Committee have met daily to superintend the business committed to their charge

The Committee have learned with great satisfaction that the Secretary of the navy has assigned the command of the naval [366] Forces in our Harbour to Com[r] Decatur who is instructed to cooperate with the land Forces in its defence—The high reputation of this gallant officer has inspired great confidence in our fellow Citizens and the numerous corps of Seamen & marines under his command will form no inconsiderable acquisition to our means of defence

From the confidence which the Committee have in his skill and judgment & which they are persuaded is also cherished by the public they do not hesitate to recommend that they be authorized to furnish him with the means of executing such additional plans of defence as he may conceive essential to the public security

All which is respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) Nich[s] Fish
Gideon Tucker
Peter Mesier
G Buckmaster
J Nitchie

Resolved that the members of the Common Council together with the Officers of the Board will assemble on Wednesday next at 6 OClock [367] at Beekman Slip Wharf and proceed to Brooklyn to labor at the works there erecting for the defence of the City

Ordered that a Warrant issue for $1000 in favor of the Committee on Wharves & for the purpose of repairing the Wharves on the east side of Peck Slip

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$51294.73

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts.

Hays & Bogert	Watch				694.75
Farrington & White	"				621.25
Holden & Lawrence	"				474.25
Hedden & Angevine	"				339.50
DeWitt Clinton Mayor 1 Q[r] Sal[ry] to 12 Aug					1750.00
J Bloodgood Coroner 5th May to 13th inst					365.40
P Demilt regulat[g] & wind[g] Town Clock 2 Y[rs] to 13 June					400.00
J Mapes. expenses to & from Washington with T R Smith					207.19
A Woodward Ass[t] City Insp[r] 1 mo to 15th Inst					62.50
Prior & Dunning 20 assessment Books & Stationary					139.38
A Cornwall & B Prince	assessors	7th	Ward		122.50
Warner & Risley	"	5th	"		177.50
Vantuyl & Holmes	"	9th	"		200.00
[368] Emmons & Pinkney.	Assessors.	8th	Ward		110.00
Ackerman & Seaman	"	6th	"		127.50
Cooper & Hunt	"	10th	"		103.00
Ebbetts & Tallman	Census	1st	"		180.00
Reid & Many	"	3d	"		180.00
Kingsland & Van Bokelin	"	10th	"		220.00
Giles & O Brian	"	8th	"		220.00
J M[c]Comb Commissioners Expen[s] wid[g] Nassau St					551.12
R Moran on acct pav[g] Arundle St					600.00

J Gallagher for well & Pump Spring St	73.60
A Stagg paving Prince St	200.00
A Smyth " Hudson "	100.00
Do " Charlton "	200.00
C Mooney " Van Dam "	79.46
I Halsey " Mangin "	200.00
J Richardson " cleaning wells	18.49
M Reid Well & Pump in Anthony St	83.47
Do Do Do " Norfolk "	86.56
H Brush repairs to pumps 7th & 10th Wds	49.50
Geo Collis. " " "	28.08
E Jenning Supdt Lamps to 11th Inst	491.62
Mercantile Advertizer 6 mo Subn 1 July	37.50
I Lufborrow 1 Qr to 1 Aug regulating Clock in Rutgers Street	16.66
O Waldron Works on Roads to 1 Aug	305.24
J Hardman " " " "	280.11
Anderson & Halsey last Instlmt Pier & Bulk head Brooklyn	1582.00
[369] T & G Lovett on Acct Mrs Bunces proportion of Pier East side James Slip	304.15
T & G Lovett reprs to Slip near Washingn Markt	79.58
Abm Dally ship chandlery for Mud Machne	86.55
J Wallace Supdt Reprs Salry to 10 Augst	150.00
Richard Furman Establishment Bellevue	10000.00
Do Do Supd Alms House	5000.00
Jas Wallace " Repairs	500.00
	$26798.61
	$24496.12

[370] In Common Council Augst 29. 1814

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes	J Warren Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augusn H Lawrence
Peter McCartee	Elisha W King
Peter H Wendover	Gideon Tucker
Nicholas Fish	Mott Cannon
Reuben Munson	Asa Mann
	Arthur Burtis
	Noah Brown
	Wm A Hardenbrook
Aldermen	Assistants

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Certain Resolutions of the Inhabitants of Bushwick L Island at a meeting held on the 24th Inst at which the Revd Dr Bussett was Chairman approbating the conduct of the Corporation relative to

the defence of the City was read and His Honor the Mayor was requested to return an answer to the same

The Council presented the following report

[371] The Attorney of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board a statement shewing the amounts which have been reported by the Commissioners of estimate & assessment in favor of the persons and parties interested in the lands and premises required for opening the Third Avenue, for enlarging and improving of Frankfort St & for enlarging straightening & improving Pearl St between Chatham & Augustus Street and shewing also the assessments made by the Commissioners upon the property deemed by them benefitted by the said improvements and upon the Corporation for the buildings which will be required to be removed

The Sums Assessed by the Commissioners upon the property benefitted by these improvements respectively and upon the Corporation for buildings fall short of the amount to be paid to the parties interested in the premises required for the said improvements The deficiency together with the expenses of the proceedings is to be assessed by Assessors to be appointed by the Common Council upon such property as may be deemed benefitted and which has not been assessed by the Commis^{rs}

The Attorney respectfully suggests to the Board [372] the propriety of appointing the same Gentlemen who acted as Commissioners in these cases to be the Assessors therein respectively as has been usual—And he has the honor to present herewith ordinances for their appointment accordingly

respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

Third Avenue		
Amt of damages award^{d} by Coms^{rs}		21524.27
D^{o} Sums ass^{d} on Individuals	13184.06	
D^{o} D D D Corporation for Buildings	5990.83	
		19174.89
Bal^{c} to be raised by assessors besides expenses		2349.38
Frankfort Street		
Am^{t} of damages awarded by Commis^{rs}		4879.50
D^{o} Sums ass^{d} on Individuals	626.21	
D^{o} on D^{o} " " Corporation for Buildings	782.	
		1408.21
Bal^{c}		3471.29

Pearl Street

Amt of Damages awarded by Comsrs		711.51
Asst on Individuals	435.07	
Do " Corporation for buildings	150.	
		585.07
		226.44

Which was approved and the ordinance therein mentioned passed.

A petition of John Jones & of Gershom Parcya praying relief were read & referd to the Comte of Charity

[373] A petition from Nicholas W Stuyvesant & Andrew Morris praying further time for payment of the Assessment for opening First Avenue was read & refered to the Street Commissioner & Council

A petition from Andrew Van Deursen for remission of penalty incurred by selling meat out of the regular Market was read & Resolved Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of Roger Gill for further time for payment of assessment for regulating Delancy & Cannon Streets, was read & the further time of six months granted to him

A petition of Margaret Varrian for permission to sell poultry &c in the Markets on Commission was read & refered to the Market Committee

The City Inspector to whom was refered the presentment of the grand jury relative to improper practices in the vicinity of the Hall reported that the erection of a shed on the East side of the Hall similar to that on the West side would in his opinion prevent the evil complained of—Which was approved and the St Comsr directed to cause a shed to be erected

[374] The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward & Street Commissioner on the petition of the Inhabitants of the village of Greenwich reported That it will be impossible to form a regulation for any particular spot before a general regulation of all the ground in that vicinity is determined on

And your Committee do not see the propriety at present of placing a Well & pump at the intersection of Assylum & Charles St as requested there being two pumps within a reasonable distance

(Sigd) P H Wendover
Arthur Burtis
Jno McComb St Comsr

The Canal Committee and Street Commissioner communicated to the Board, that they have lately examined the situation of Lespenards

meadow and the low grounds thereabout which they find covered with water, owing to the large quantity of ground that has been lately filled up whereby the passage for the water is nearly stopp'd especially since Sullivan Street has been made across the meadow which difficulty will be greatly encreased in a short time, by the filling in [375] that is now commenced on the North & East of Sullivan Street whereby the mud will be forced over so as completely to stop up the Trunk that is laid across Sullivan Street which added to the difficulty of keeping the trench open between Sullivan & Greenwich Streets will cause all the Streets along the low ground in this vicinity to be inundated when the winter sets in—nor will any advantage be gained by laying down more trunks near the present water course as they will be soon filled up

Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend that a trench of a suitable width be immediately opened from the present drain at Greenwich St to the east side of Chapple Street of about 1900 feet

(Sig^{d}) P H Wendover
Mott Cannon
Gideon Tucker
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb S^{t} Com^{sr}

Which was approved & the trench d[i]rected to be cut

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving part of wall & Nassau Street & for a Well in Norfolk St which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

[376] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 11

Ja^{s} Patterson, Sadler, N^{o} 113 Water St 1 W^{d} vice Ja^{s} Dunham res^{d}

N^{o} 14

Ja^{s} Baldwin, Painter, 53 Barclay St 3^{d} W^{d} vice Jn^{o} Varrick D^{o}

N^{o} 17

Peter Noe shipwright, N^{o} 1 Pike S^{t}, 7th W^{d} vice David Morrison D^{o}

N^{o} 27

John Lorton Stone cutter, 419 Greenwich S^{t} 5 W^{d}, vice Jos. Brundridge D^{o}

N^{o} 30

Griffiith Griffiths, Carpenter, Grand St 10th W^{d} vice Peter Chapple D^{o}

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the subject of regulating the grounds about Greenwich which was refered to Alde[n] Wendover Smith & M[r] Nitchie

The Committee on the petition of Marinus Willett made a supplementary report authorising the owners of houses in Delancy Street to permit them to remain—which was refered back to the Committee

The following Letter from Major Gen[l] Lewis was read

H[d] Quarters 28 Aug 1814

Gentlemen

Believing that this District is threatened [377] with invasion within the meaning of my instructions of the 12[th] Ulto I have determined to call on the Governor for the full amount of this States quota of militia consisting of 13500 to be immediately placed at my disposal and brought to this City. I have also determined in like manner to call on New Jersey for its proportion which is 5000. To supply rations for such a force for 60 days will require the sum of $220,000 exclusive of Camp equipage, Quarters fuel &[c] The public Departments here are at present pennyless and I must apply to the patriotism of the Corporation to raise the necessary funds in the first Instance not doubting the Government will in due time reimburse its advances

The preservation of this City will certainly justify the measure, and the safest & surest mean of securing it against invasion is complete preparation for its defence—I hope the fall of Washington will be to us an useful lesson

I am &[c]

To the Hon[l] &[c] (Sig[d]) Morgan Lewis
Com[n] Council

The Committee of Defence presented the following

The Committee of Defence are happy to report to the Corporation that the ardour of the Citizens in bestowing voluntary labor on works of defence for our protection continues unabated [378] and that the works have progressed & are progressing with an astonishing rapidity. The Committee on the other hand regret that they are under the necessity of informing the Board that from all information they can obtain it is reduced to a certainty that the expense of whatever additional defences may be necessary for this City both as to the erection of works & the paying provisioning & accommodatinig men for our defence must be derived from our own resources or not obtained at all. If this City is to be defended against hostile attack the Corporation must provide the funds in the first place & look to the Gen-

eral & State Government for an indemnification. The Committee have therefore requested of His Excellency the Governor on the recommendation of the military commanders of the U S. forthwith to call out 20000 additional militia for the defence of this City. They have taken this step under a conviction of its necessity & from a further conviction that the Board would sanction the measure, feeling also its necessity & being sensible that the present crisis admits of no delay— With a view of meeting the expenses into which the calamitous state of our Country & the duty of self defence have driven us, it will be necessary for the Board to take immediate measures to provide the necessary funds. The Committee are of opinion that to draw the necessary funds from the banks of our City would be streightening them too much in their operations and have a tendency to increase the present distress in the pecuniary transactions of our fellow Citizens; They therefore respectfully suggest to the board the propriety [379] of authorizing a loan to be opened for a sum not exceeding one million of Dollars at 7 p^{r} cent payable in one year with interest ½ yearly for which the bonds of the Corporation shall be given to the lenders. It will be necessary for the comfortable accommodation of the militia to be called out that proper Barracks be erected for the purpose and that measures be immediately taken for their erection. It will be necessary that arrangements should be made for supplying the Troops with good and wholesome provisions and in case it should not be in the power of the General Government to supply them, the supply must be made by us. We recommend to the Board that some proper person or persons be authorized immediately to raise the buoys stationed in our Harbor, as owing to the smallness of our commerce they may easily be dispensed with and because their continuance may be of great importance to the Enemy and their removal put a great obstacle in the way of his approach

We recommend to the Board that the Committee be authorized to make some arrangements, if necessary, for employing the Steam and Horse Boats in the Harbour for the transportation of Troops

And as at such a crisis as this many necessary Things may suggest themselves or be suggested to the Committee which may require expedition in the accomplishment, The Committee respectfully recommend to the board that they be authorized to execute them without express delegation [380] of power for that purpose. The Committee are sensible that they are making large demands upon the confidence of the Board. They covet not such extension of power and confidence;

But they think them all important to the safety of our threatened City.

The fate of Washington warns us not to remain unprepared—a small expenditure of money might probably have saved our Capital & prevented this disgrace upon our nation and shall the City of New York, the first in the Union in point of importance also fall the sacrifice to a spirit of penuriousness which will count the expense of self protection when all is in jeopardy. The Committee are as sensible as the board can be that the duty of protecting us belongs to the General Government But when a government is unable to protect us the crisis demands that the Citizens should strain every nerve to protect themselves

Sig[d] Nicholas Fish. Peter Mesier. Gideon Tucker
J Warren Brackett J Nitchie T R Smith

Which was approved and the powers therein requested granted to the Committee. The subject of raising the fund mentioned was refered to the Finance Committee The Money when required to be drawn for by a Warrant of the Chairman of the Committee of defence upon the Comptroller and then the Warrants to issue in the usual manner

[381] At a Special Meetion[g] of the Common Council

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman E[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		J Warren Brackett	
Charles McCartee		A H Lawrence	
Tho[s] R Smith		E W King	
George Buckmaster		Gideon Tucker	
Peter H Wendover		Mott Cannon	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
		Noah Brown	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that there was at present existing in this City a great pressure for small change. That he called this Meeting of the Board for the purpose of making some arrangement for the issuing by this Corporation of notes of small amount to obviate this difficulty

Upo*m*[n] motion of Mr. Lawrence

Resolved that a sum not exceeding $5000 be issued under the direction of the Committee of [382] finance and be signed by such person or persons as shall be authorized by them in behalf of the Corporation

the highest notes not to exceed 12½ cents and for the payment of which the faith of the Corporation is hereby pledged

The following Resolution presented by Mr Brackett

Resolved that be and are hereby authorized to proceed to the Seat of the General Government and there to confer with the proper Department with a view to obtaining its sanction to the appropriation of the Funds of this Corporation towards the defence of this City and Harbour to the end that the repayment by the U S. for all advances heretofore or hereafter to be made for such purpose may be assumed by the U S.

Which was agreed to and the Committee of Defence requested to name the person or persons to be deputed

It was refered to the Road Committee to cause the old Boston Road now leading thro' the Encampment at Harlaem heights to be closed & another Road constructed

Mr Lawrence presented the following

The Corporation

inform their fellow Citizens that Books for subscription [383] to a loan of one million of Dollars for the defence of this City are still open at all the Banks and that they will be finally closed on monday next at 3 oclock

Which was ordered to be printed

[384] In Common Council Sepr 12th 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Augusn H Lawrence	
Peter McCartee		Gideon Tucker	
Thos R Smith		Mott Cannon	
George Buckmaster		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approvd

A petition of George Jacobs for remission of fine under Pawn Brokers law was received & petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of Danl D Smith & Albert Picket for vaults No 190 & 192 Greenwich Street was read & granted under the usual restrictions

A petition of Margaret Bond for permission to sell vegetables in the Market was read & refered to the Market Committee

[385] A Letter from Daniel E Dunscomb Major Com^{t} of a Battalion Artillery 1^{s} Brigade requesting that a stand of colors might be loaned to them by the Common Council was read & refered to the Committee of defence

A petition to raise that part of Rector St between the West side of Greenwich St to Washington St was read & refered to the St Commissioner

A petition of Lucas Van Buskirk Lessee of Weehawk Ferry that a place for landing passengers may be assigned to him in the City—was read & refered to the Ferry Committee

A petition of the Assignees of John Gildersleave for permission to assign the lease of Lot N^{o} 5 Brooklyn to Ruleff Van Brunt was read & ref^{d} to the Comptroller

The City Inspector presented the following ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

A Wilkinson	N^{o} 37	Warren St
Cornelius J Bogert	22	Beaver "
Same		Delancy & Second
Abijah Arden		Broome St
[385*] Patrick Fitzpatrick	N^{o} 252	William St
Patrick Phelan		Market St

A petition of Currey Hunt & Randolph for remission of fine under Street law was read and Resolved. Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions

A Communication of Ann Smith offering to lease the Pier at the foot of Courtlandt St was read & Resolved she have leave to withdraw the communication.

A Petition for a Well in Broom St corner of Columbia St was read & refered to the Alderman & Ass^{t} of the Ward and Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating Goerck St from Grand to Broome St which was passed & W^{m} Stilwell. Jacob Tallman Ezekiel Bishop were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner [presented] an assessment for a Well in Arundle Street. North of Stanton St which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed collector.

[386] The Committee on the petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesant &

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

Andrew Morris—reported—That in their opinion it would be inexpedient to suspend the payment of such assessment inasmuch as all the persons assessed have paid except four—and also as the Corporation are bound by law to pay the several sums awarded to individuals for damages in the course of the present month either in cash or their Bonds at Interest to those who chose to take them.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the course prescribed by law be strictly adhered to as a compliance with the prayer of the petitioners would be a precedent attended with serious consequences

(Sig[d]) John M[c]Comb J[r]
by R Graves
D S Jones

which was approved

The Street Commissioner returned Delinquents on the following Assessments upon which Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector viz

For repaving Lumber St
paving Hudson "
D° Sullivan "
D° Cherry "

[387] For Well & Pump in Lumber St
D° " Elm "
D° " Ridge "
D° " Attorney "
paving Prince St

The Committee of Finance having verbally reported that they had in pursuance of the authority vested in them appointed John Pintard Esq[r] to sign the small Bills issued by the Corporation Therefore

Resolved that the said appointment be and the same is hereby confirmed & that the faith of the Corporation is hereby pledged for the payment of the same

Resolved that Bills payable by the Corporation be issued under the direction of the Finance Committee of the denominations of $^{25}/_{100}$ & $^{50}/_{100}$ to be signed by a person or persons designated by them and that the Committee be authorized to put in circulation Bills of the various Denominations authorized & designated by the Common Council to the amount of $20000 in addition to the sum of $5000 heretofore authorized

Resolved that the lamp Committee be authori[z]ed [388] to make such purchases & contracts for Oil for lighting the public lamps as they shall judge the interest of the City requires

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$12132.37
Warrants not presented	100.00
	$12032.37

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts.

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hedden & Angevine "	339.50
Holden & Lawrence "	474.25
D S Jones Balc Acct to 20th Augst	53.29
A Woodward Asst City Inspr 1 Mo Salry to 15 Inst	62.50
S Walker posting Bills for sundry Offices	10.12
J Bogert Horses & Hearse Lawrence's Funel	47.50
J A Hardenbrook 3 Boxes Candles	21.56
J Leonard furnisg list passgrs to 1 Aug	25.00
U Freeman Services as Surveyor Opg Avenues	215.14
Vn Tuyl & Holms for Census 9th Wd	160.00
P Aymar Colr City Revenues 1 Qr to 5th Sepr	188.00
G Cock & Wm McIntosh Census 4th Ward	190.00
P Becannon Inspr Bread 1 Qr to 10th Inst	99.20
Lang & Turner advertizg to 1 July	8.75
W C Barker 1 Cask Summer Oil	99.75
[389] E Jennings Supdt Lamps to 11th Inst	519.03
J Hardman work on Roads to 1 Sepr	339.12
O Waldron Do Do	339.44
J Haviland reprs to Engines fr Decr 1813 to July 15th 1814	1405.25
J McComb St Comsr expenses openg 1st Avenue	432.87
A Smyth reprs Greenwich St fr Canal to Hamersley St	36.25
J Vincent reprs to Streets	55.76
H Bulwinkle by order of Comn Council	100.00
J Cunningham Acct of Cherry St	500.00
A Smyth on acct Sullivan St	500.00
Do Do Charlton "	300.00
J Bailey Do Wall & Nassau Sts	200.00
Halsey & Anderson Docks & Piers at Brooklyn	826.15
A Stagg on Acct Contract fillg at Rutgers Slip	40.00
L Persiany Mud Machine 3 mo	643.07
J Culbert filling Collect Lots	52.52
M Reid 1st Instlmt Well & Pump Arundle St	86.90
C ONeil cleaning Wells	24.56
J Richardson for Do	36.33
H Brush repairs to pumps	60.90
J Fine on acct repairs to pumps	127.18
A W Hardenbrook on acct for Engines	1000.00
Thos Sully for portrait Comr Decatur	500.00
Abm Barker for Lamp Oil	2125.88

[390] In Common Council Sep^{r} 26th 1814

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Joseph W Brackett	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Augus^{n} H Lawrence	
Charles Dickenson		Elisha W King	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Gideon Tucker	
Tho^{s} R Smith		Mott Cannon	
Peter H Wendover		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approv'd

A Memorial of Richard Varrick requesting permission to erect a fence in Sullivan St opposite his land to prevent persons from carrying away his ground was read & refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to make arrangements with M^{r} Varrick on the subject

A Petition of William Willis for permission [391] to assign Lots N^{o} 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. at Brooklyn and certain Messuages lately held by Gilbert V^{n} Mater to David Burnam, was read & refered to the Council & Comptroller, with authority to permit the Transfer to be made— on condition that the original lessee be considered responsible for payment of the rent & performance of covenants

A Petition of David Bell praying that a suit commenced against him under the Pawn brokers law may be discontinued, was read & resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Letter from Oliver Wolcott & T Morris in behalf of the Committee of the U S. for building a Steam Frigate stating that the Government of the U S. had transmitted to them for the purposes of payment of expences for building said Frigate an amount in treasury notes upon which they were desirous of raising money, that the Banks had agreed to make the advances on condition that the Corporation would consider it as a loan to them & requesting the aid of the Corporation therein was read. Whereupon Resolved that the Committee of defence be authorized to loan to the said Committee for building the Steam [392] Frigate the sum of twenty six thousand Dollars in addition to the sum of twenty thousand Dollars already loaned to them, taking therefor forty thousand Dollars in treasury notes as a collateral security for the repayment of said loan with Interest at 7 per cent

A Petition of Stephen M^{c}Cormick praying some appointment under the Corporation was read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of William Schott for Stall N° 3 Catharine Market was read and refered to the Market Committee

An Estimate of the Damage incurred by John J Johnson of Long Island by the occupation of his grounds by the Militia now in service was read and refered to the Committee of Defence

A Letter from Peter Schermerhorn requesting that the Ferry Boats may be removed from the Fly Market to Beekman Slip agreably to the arrangement on that subject was read and refered to the Ferry Committee

[393] A Petition of John Crygier for further time for payment of rent due from him was read and refered to the Comptroller

The City Inspector presented a Report on the situation of sundry Collect Lots, which required filling up, the owners of which were not known and recommending that they be filled up at the expense of the Board the said expenses to remain a lien on the lots was read & Resolved the City Inspector report the probable expense attending filling up the Lots

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of nuisances on the premises of the persons following—which were passed

John Stockholm	Lot in	Little	Water	St
Nathan M^c^Vickar	D° "	White		"
Alexander L Stewart	D° "	D°		"
Philip Shamper	N° 55	Market	St	

The Comptroller presented a claim of Cornelius Dubois for damages assessed to him in opening the First Avenue which was read together with the Comptrollers report and laid on the table

The Comptroller presented the following Statement

[394] The Comptroller has the honor to represent to the Board, that the annual Instalment of the Inclenburgh Bonds is now due with Interest thereon and application has been made for payment. The Funds in the Treasury are not sufficient to meet these claims at present, as none of the Tax for the current year has yet been paid into the Treasury but will be coming in the course of the ensuing month. It is believed that an arrangement can be made with the holders of the larger Bonds to postpone the payment of the principal until a more fortunate state of things arives by payment of the Interest promptly—the smaller Bonds can be paid without much inconvenience; under therese circumstances it may not be unadvisable to authorize the Comptroller, under the direction of the Committee of finance to make

such an arrangement as the state of the Treasury and the convenience of the holders of these Bonds may authorize

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

Which was agreed to and the Comptroller under the direction of the Finance Committee authorized to make such arrangements

[395] The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for repaving Rector Street, which was refered back to the Street Commissioner

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the assessments for repaving part of Wall & Nassau St for the collection of which a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector

The Recorder presented the following

Whereas the Corporation of the City of N York feel, that no exploit of the present war has more claims to the fullness & warmth of national gratitude than the victory of Com[re] M[c]Donough, over a superior force on Lake Champlain, either from pride in the achievement or benefit from its consequences.

They therefore tender to that Officer their admiration and thanks —and as a memorial of the new lustre added by him to the brightness of our naval renown

Resolved that the freedom of the City in a gold Box be presented to Com[re] Macdonough and that his portrait be procured and be set up in the Gallery of paintings belonging to this City and that the thanks of the Corporation of this City be presented to his brave officers & crews—Which passed unanimously [396] and his Honor the Mayor was requested to forward a copy of the same to Com[re] Macdonough

The Recorder, Alder[n] Smith & M[r] Brown were appointed a Committee to carry the Resolution into effect

The following report on the subject of the Loan was presented by the Committee of Finance

The Committee of Finance have the honor to inform the Corporation that they have effected the loan of one Million of Dollars payable in one Year by Bonds of the Corporation with Interest at 7 per Ct per annum payable half yearly. The Chairman of the Committee deems it proper to state that this loan has been obtained from Individuals and from our different monied Institutions ( ) under a perfect and very explicit understanding, between the parties that the money shall be laid out exclusively for the Defence of our City and such other contingent expenses attending the same as the Committee of defence shall judge expedient to make—Any other appropriation of the above loan would in the opinion of your Committee

be a violation of their agreement, and would tend to subvert those sentiments of confidence [397] which our fellow Citizens entertain of your honorable Body

Augus H Lawrence
(Sig[d]) J Mapes
Reuben Munson

Whereupon Bonds were directed to be issued to the lenders of the same

M[r] King & M[r] Brackett the Committee appointed to proceed to Washington agreably to the Resolution of the Common Council presented a Report which being read the following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that

be a Committee to correspond with the Senators in Congress from this State and the Members of the House of Representatives from this City, soliciting them to use their endeavours to have a law passed for the assumption of the Million of Dollars lately loaned by this Corporation for the defence of the City and such other Sums as have been advanced by the Corporation for the like purpose, And for the reimbursement thereof on the same terms & conditions as the Corporation have laid themselves under in procuring the same

the consideration of the Report was postponed

[398] Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to affix the Corporate Seal of the Common Council to all contracts and agreements made by the Committee of Defence, in relation to matters respecting the Defence of this City.

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	6377.34
Warrants not presented	281.88
	$6095.46

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Holden & Lawrence Do	474.25
Hedden & Angevine Do	339.50
C E Duncan St Insp[r] to 1 Oc[r]	60.00
S Green Do Do	60.00
B Hicks Ass[t] City Insp[r] Do	60.00
M Ackerman Keeper potters field Do	45.00

S McCormick Keeper Park in full	64.50
B Gardinier printing &c	31.00
A B Holmes St Inspr to 1st Octr	60.00
P & E Dobbs reprs to Docks	652.65
T & G Lovett Do	157.78
Do Corpn proporn pier E side James Slip	516.79
Do Mrs Bunces proporn Do Do	152.07
C D Bevois for Dock log Bolts	84.27
[399] P Schermerhorn 1 Yrs Rent Engn House Water St to 1 Sepr	75.00
Js Richardson reprs to wells	26.56
M Banks reprs to pumps	60.56
M Reid Well pump Norfolk St	86.57
M Reid Do Do Ridge St	55.13
Jas Meghan repairing Lumber St	76.26
A Smyth On acct Sullivan St	100.00
Do Do pavg Hudson St	300.00
A Stagg Do prince St	200.00
J Randell for Setting Monuments	500.00
	$5637.55
Balance	$457.91

[400] In Common Council October 10th 1814

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen: Peter Mesier, Peter McCartee, Charles Dickenson, Thomas R Smith, George Buckmaster, Peter H Wendover, Reuben Munson

Assistants: Jos Warren Brackett, Augusn H Lawrence, Elisha W King, Mott Cannon, Asa Mann, Noah Brown

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approvd

Petitions of Richard Platt William Warlow Jacob Manold & John W White for Stall No 3 Catharine Market. John Fitzgerrald to sell meat by the quarter and of John Rudinan for Stall No 35 Fly market were severally read and refered to the Market Committee.

A petition of William appleby respecting Stall No 2. Gouverneur Market was also read & refered to the same Committee

The City Inspector upon the subject of the Lots [401] adjacent to the Collect which at the last meeting of the Board he recommended to be filled up. and the expenses to be borne by the Comn Council, to remain a lien on the property has now the honor to report that the Owners have been ascertained and Ordinances directing them to cause

them to be regulated are now herewith presented & recommended to be passed

(Sig^{d}) J Morton City Insp^{r}

Also the following ordinances viz

for one Gabriel Winter	Lot in	Broome	St
Abijah Orden	D^{o}	D^{o}	"
Cornelius J Bogert	D^{o}	Delancey	"
David Lyon	D^{o}	Anthony	"
Joseph D Fay & W^{m} Few	D^{o}	Little Water	"
Corn^{ls} J Bogert	22 Beaver Lane		
Michael Dugan, Terence Waters	17 Augustus St		
W^{m} Englehart, Col^{o} V^{n} Beuren, Williams	Lot C^{r} Prince & Mott St		
John Murray	37 Chapple		
Elijah Hunter	"	C^{r} Thames & Greenwich St	

which said several ordinances were passed.

[402] The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on assessments for a Well in Arundle Street. Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue for collection of the same

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for the excess of damages for opening the third Avenue. A remonstrance against the same was presented from sundry owners affected thereby and refered to the Street Commissioner for his opinion thereon.

A Petition of Rosina Morgan stating that in the regulation of Orange & Leonard Street her house was directed to be removed and praying it may be permitted to remain—was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Ellis Goble for relief was read and refered to the Committee of Charity.

The Comptroller presented a demand of the Collector of the U S. Revenue for Taxes assessed upon the Corporation property amounting to five hundred seventy seven $^{68}/_{100}$ Dollars

Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue for payment of the same

[403] A Request of Peter & Elias Dobbs for payment in part of contract for Piers at Brooklyn was presented. Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of the Street Commissioner for two thousand Dol-

lars to be applied under the direction of the Ferry Committee towards the payment of the same.

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Smith and unanimously agreed to

Whereas the Corporation of this City entertain the most lively sense of the late brilliant achievements of General Jacob Brown on the Niagara Frontier; considering them as proud evidences of the skill & entrepidity of the Hero of Chippewa & his brave companions in arms, and as affording ample proof of the superior valor of our hardy freeman over the veteran legions of the Enemy

Resolved that as a tribute of respect to a gallant officer and his intrepid associates who have added such lustre to our arms the Freedom of the City be presented in a gold Box to General Jacob Brown, that his portrait be obtained and placed in the gallery of portraits belonging to this City; and that the thanks of this Corporation be tendered to the officers & men under his command

The Mayor was requested to transmit a Copy of the same to Genl Brown

[404] Aldn Smith Wendover & Mesier were appointed a Committee to carry the Resolution into effect.

The Comptroller presented Bonds to the following persons who had agreed to loan to the Corporation in part of the loan of one million of Dollars by the Corporation to the United States for the purposes of the defence of this City.

Where subscribed	When 1814	Amount	by whom	paid in
Mechanic Bank	Sep. 8	$500	Wm Cruikshank	500.00
"	1	600	Jno Manley	600.00
	4	1400	Abm Remsen	1400.00
	8	1400	Maria Grayson	1400.00
	"	250	Jeremiah Lott	250.00
	"	10000	Laurent Salles	10000.00
	"	1000	Valentine Derry	1000.00
	"	1000	Robt Phillips	1000.00
	"	800	Euphemia Dobson	800.00
	"	500	Newburry Davenport	500.00
	"	500	Jas Mo Murray	600.00
	"	2000	Robt Donaldson	2000.00
	"	4000	Danl Lescallin	4000.00
	"	2500	Jno Va Antwerp	2500.00
		1250	Edwd Meeks	1250.00
		4000	Joel & Jotham Post	4000.00
		4000	Elias Boudinot	4000.00
Merchants B		5000	Mary A Coster	5000.00
		5000	John G Coster	5000.00

[405] (Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

Resolved that a Committee consisting of his Honor the Mayor Mr King & Mr Brackett be authorized to prepare and in the recess of the Board to forward to Congress a Memorial on the subject of the loan of one Million of Dolls made by this Corporation to the U S. for the purposes of the defence of this City

The Comptroller Report[s]

Accts paid since last Meeting

S Bryden for Inclenburgh Bond & Int	66.68
M Wyms " Do Do	434.35
N Griffith " Do Do	104.63
A Coe " Do Do	180.48
J Slidell " Do Do	202.31
J Bronson " Do Do	2085.98
L Bleecker " Do Do	545.84
J Targee for a Plate for J Fairlie & T R Mercein in pursuance of Resolution of 30 May 1814	400.00
	$4020.37

Which were agreed to

He also Reported

Cash in the Treasury	16442.26
Warrants not presented	3620.64
	$12821.62

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

[406] Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hedden & Angevine Do	339.50
Holden & Lawrence Do	474.25
J Morton C Inspr & Clerk 1 Qr to 11 Inst	437.50
Wm M Summers Inspr Bread to 8th Inst	90.60
A Woodward Asst City Inspr 1 Mo to 15 Octr	62.50
L Lefferts recorg deeds Kings Co	23.60
E Herring Regesn Recorg Deeds & assessments	18.55
J Hardman Work on roads for Sepr	239.68
O Waldron Do Do Do	298.46
E Jennings Supdt lamps to 11 Inst	514.02
A Smyth on acct pavg Hudson St	100.00
Do Do Do Sullivan St	200.00
A Stagg Do Do Prince St	150.00
J Bailey Do Do Wall St	100.00
J C Totten damages 1st Avenue	100.00
J Moran paving Arundle St	740.60
S Wheeler & others Sundry Assessments	102.00
J Cunningham pavg Cherry St	500.00

J Bailey for Intersections of Streets	51.24
W Stilwell & others sun^{y} Ass^{ts} Sts Wells & Pumps	305.54
R Furman Treas^{r} of Alms House	5000.00
J Wallace Sup^{dt} Repairs	500.00
C Dickenson For Board of Health	358.00
	$12.022.04
Balance	$799.58

[407] Extra Meeting

In Common Council October 14th 1814

Aldermen	Assistants
Nicholas Fish	Elisha W King
Charles Dickenson	Joseph W Brackett
Peter M^{c}Cartee	Gideon Tucker
Tho^{s} R Smith	Mott Cannon
George Buckmaster	Noah Brown
Reuben Munson	W^{m} A Hardenbrook
	Augus^{n} H Lawrence
	Asa Mann

The Mayor announced to the Board that Com^{re} Perry was by invitation, in waiting to receive the freedom of the City voted to him by a Resolution of the Board—Whereupon M^{r} Hardenbrook & M^{r} Brown were appointed a Committee to wait upon Com^{r} Perry and introduce him to the Common Council—accordingly the Com^{re} was introduced into the Com^{n} Council Chamber by the Committee and received by the members standing

His Honor the Mayor addressed Com^{r} Perry as follows

Sir

The illustrious achievements of Individuals [408] in science & in arms constitute the glory of Nations Patriotism therefore unites with policy & justice in conferring those honors & rewards which are due to distinguished merit

After we have signalized ourselves in conquering the Enemy of our Country, a task perhaps more difficult remains to attain, a victory over ourselves; He who in the moment of triumph & in the full career of glory reposes himself with humility upon the Supreme being, exercises the duties of humanity to the vanquished, and displays that modest deportment which is ever the companion of elevated minds exhibits an example of virtue worthy of all imitation & honorable to human nature

I shall not Sir on this occasion from motives of delicacy expatiate upon the important naval events which took place under your au-

spices upon the waters of Lake Erie—but I must be permitted to say that your subsequent conduct and particularly your endeavors by more than filial attention to soothe the afflicted spirit and to restore the wounded frame of your brave and magnanimous antagonist have given you the strongest additional claims upon the regard & affections of your Country

I now proceed Sir to perform one of the most pleasing acts of my life in conferring upon [409] you the highest honors in the power of this City to bestow

To which the Com[r] made the following reply

The honor confered on me by this respectable body would at all times call forth the loudest emotions of gratitude, but at the moment when the Citizens of this City have given such distinguished proofs of their patriotism, it adds m[u]ch indeed to the gratification to have my name enroled among them as a freeman

The usual oath was then administered to Com[re] Perry & the freedom of the City in an ellegant Gold Box with an appropriate design enamelled thereon was presented to the Com[re]

The Commodore then retired

Doors closed.

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[411] In Common Council Oct[r] 24[th] 1814

present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Alder[n]	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Jos Warren Brackett	
Peter M[c]Cartee		Augus[n] H Lawrence	
Thomas R Smith		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		Gideon Tucker	
Peter H Wendover		Mott Cannon	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Whitehead Fish Esq[r] Treasurer of the Corporation for the payment of amount due on the City Stock to first august last

His Honor the Mayor transmitted to the Board the letter which in pursuance of their request he addressed to Com[r] M[c]Donough together with his reply which were directed to be inserted [412] at length on the minutes

Letter to Com[r] Macdonough

N York 28[th] Sep 1814

Sir

Your recent naval victory on Lake Champlain must be considered as one of the most splendid & most important events of the war, whether we take into view, the superiority of the Enemys Force, the skill & gallantry displayed or the intimate connexion of this great atchievement with the effectual protection of the Northern frontiers of this state & Vermont against the incursions of the Enemy

Amidst the numerous testimonies of the grateful feelings of your Countrymen, you will now receive the unanimous sense of the municipal authorities of this City. And I beg leave to assure you that I consider it one of the most pleasing acts of my life to communicate to you this evidence of gratitude & regard & at the same time to express the sentiments of respect which I entertain for you & the gallant men who acted so gloriously under your auspices

I have the honor to be &[c]

(Sig[d]) DeWitt Clinton

Com[r] Mac Donough

In this letter was enclosed the Resolutions of the Com[n] Council. (vide page 295)

[413] Com[r] Macdonough's Answer

U S Brig Eagle

Plattsburgh Bay Oct 13[th] 1814

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28[th] ult[o] conveying to me the Resolutions of the Honorable the Corporation of the City of N York. To meet the approbation of my country has always been my greatest ambition & this distingu[i]shed honor confered on me by your Honorable Corporation is received with feelings of peculiar pride and gratification; permit me to return you my earnest thanks for the freindly expressions contained in your letter & to subscribe myself

Very respectfully—Yours &[c]

T Macdonough

Hon[l]
DeWitt Clinton
Mayor &[c]

A Letter was received from Gen[l] Ebenezer Stevens tendering for the acceptance of the Common Council to be placed in the Gallery of

Portraits a picture of Robert Monkton Esq[r] formerly Governor of the province (now State) of New York, whereupon Resolved that the same be accepted & that the thanks of [414] this Board be presented to Gen[l] Stevens for his present

A Memorial was received from John R Livingston stating that in pursuance of an agreement between him & Aaron Ogden Esq[r] Lessee of the Wharf at Market field Street he had moored his Steam Boat Rariton at said Wharf—that he had received a notice from the Attorney of the Board that he had incurred a fine thereby & a suit was instituted against his Boat Keeper, he therefore prayed relief. Resolved that it be refered to the Council of the Board who upon a judgment being confessed be authorized to remit the penalty if in his judgment proper

A Petition of John Jenkins for Stall N[o] 3 Catharine Market & of Nichols Downs for permission to sell poultry in the market were read & refered to the Market Committee

The City Inspector Reported Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Tho[s] Knox	2 Lots in Grand St
Beekman M V[n] Beuren	do c[r] Prince & Mott Sts
Elisabeth Haffey	nuis[c] 19 Augustus

which were passed

[415] The City Inspector reported. that in consequence of information received from the Officers stationed at the Park Encampment on the Broad-way Road of the improper method of interment at Potters field he directed D[r] Ball one of the Assistants of the Board of Health to examine into the case & has the honor to enclose his report thereon—The City Inspector would beg leave to observe that an unusual degree of sickness prevailed among the troops at that station—that the Centinels on duty in the rear of the Camp adjacent to the burrying place, were annoyed particularly after night fall with noisome effluvia proceeding from that place to which both themselves & the Physicians attached to the Corps attributed their sickness—Under these circumstances the City Inspector has deemed it his duty to make this representation that the board may give such directions as they shall judge proper

(Sig[d]) J Morton City Insp[r]

Report of D[r] Ball.

In obedience to instructions from the City Inspector under date of the 14[th] Oct[r] 1814 the undersigned, inspected the mode of interment

at [416] Potters field—that upon viewing the place he discovered a square of about eight feet dug, in which was deposited several dead bodies slightly covered with earth and left thus exposed until a number sufficient for three layers were intered after which a mound of earth of 2 feet elevated above the common surface, completes the present mode of interment at that establishment

That the Troops now at the encampment in the vicinity of Potters field have become very sickly, and are impressed with an opinion (both officers & men) that the cause of dissease which has arisen to an alarming degree, emanates from the source above enumerated & much dissatisfaction prevails in consequence thereof—From a review of this statement it will appear that very serious results may arise to a community from the putrid exhalations permitted to escape & suspended in the surrounding atmosphere

(Sig^{d}) Isaac Ball—Ass^{t} to B^{d} of Health

Which was refered to the Sup^{dt} of the Alms House

The Comptroller reported upon the Petitions of A Hammond & David Reid for water grants which reports were refered to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

The Street Commissioner to whom was refered [417] the remonstrance against the assessment for opening 3^{d} Avenue reported—That there does not appear any material error on the face of the assessment it being made on a scale of gradual diminution as it recedes from the Avenue & whether the assessors could have extended the assessment further on the Bowery or have looked elsewhere for property equally benefitted, is a question which might require some attention, but which he does not feel competent to decide, feeling willing rather to acquiesce in the judgment of the Assessors. The S^{t} Com^{r} however cannot forbear suggesting this idea, that however the property assessed may not at present appear to be materially benefitted, yet as the improvement will be permanent the benefit will encrease in proportion to the growth of the City

(Sig^{d}) John M^{c}Comb St Com^{r}

Whereupon the assessment was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector.

He also presented the assessments for regulating Bancker Street from Grand St to the line of Laights' property one hundred & fifty feet West of Wallnut Street—And the assessment for regulating Goerck St from Grand to Broome [418] Street which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector in each

He also presented a report upon the petition of Rosina Morgan recommending that she should be directed to remove the house mentioned in her petition— which was approved

A Letter of thanks from Dr Isaac Ball for having been employed as Asst to the Board of Health, was read.

An account of Nathan Eisenhart & Daniel Nash for services in enforcing the sunday law were presented—Whereupon Resolved that the Resolution directing the Assistant St Commissioners to enforce the Sunday law be rescinded—and that it be refered to a Committee to enquire and report a plan for the enforcement of said law—that they also enquire what sums & under what circumstances those sums have been paid to the Asst St Comsrs under said law & that the accounts of Eisenhart & Nash be refered to them Comee appointed were Alderm Wendover Aldern McCartee Mr Nitchie

[419] Aldern Fish stated that at the last Meeting of the Legislature an act was passed authorising the Common Council to appoint a Superintendant of the Alms House to continue in office for the period of seven years and he moved that this board proceed to the appointment—Whereupon Resolved that the consideration be postponed until the next meeting of the Board

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Hardenbrook

Resolved that the St Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary steps to cause the immediate opening of such streets & avenues lying north of North Street as the Corporation have agreed to open, and for which assessments have been reported to and confirmed by the supreme Court.

A Division having been called by Mr Hardenbrook seconded by Mr King it passed in the negative Mr Hardenbrook & Aldern McCartee voting in the affirmative and the other members in the negative

The following Resolution respecting Mrs Taylors pension was presented & agreed to

Resolved that the pension of Sixty Dollars per [420] Annum granted to the Widow of Jeremiah B Taylor deceased, by a Resolution of the Board passed Octr 4th 1813 be paid in equal half yearly payments to commence on the first day of May, and that the sum of thirty Dollars payable the first May next be now advanced to her

Upon motion of Mr Hardenbrook

Resolved that a pound be established at Bloomingdale near Harsin Ville—The Board proceeded to ballot for a Keeper of said pound when William Holmes was duly appointed

The Comptroller reported

Accts paid since the last Meeting of the Board

E W King Expens to & fr City of Washington	434.86
J Masterton Inclenburgh bond & Ints	631.91
P Halrich 2d Instt Do Do Do	662.15
R Furman for Alms Ho	5000.00
	$6728.92

Which were agreed to

He also reported

Cash in the Treasury	19404.60
Warrants not presented	1444.00
	$17960.60

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
[421] Holden & Lawrence Watch	474.25
Hedden & Angevine "	339.50
H Brush repairs to Wells	68.75
Evs Post advertisg Police St Comsr & Compr Office 10 Mo	76.17
P Burtsell stationary Mayors Clerks & Inspr Office	145.74
A Waugh & others copying Asst Books	250.00
Horsfield & Townsend Assr 2d Ward	122.50
Stolenwerck & Brothers Gold Boxes Decatur & Perry	306.00
J Conrey Books for public Records	74.18
J Lord Int Corpn Bond	170.63
G Janeway balc due as p award in his favor	1617.20
Wm Bleecker award ground 1st Avenue	500.00
P Bonnett & E Holmes Assessors 4th Wd	105.00
T & G Lovett on Acct of Drain in Canal St	200.00
J Cunningham paving Cherry St	155.57
Do Intersecn Cherry St	61.50
A Smyth for Acct Sullivan St	150.00
W C Barker for 34 casks lamp oil	2471.50
St Commissioner Court & other Charges opg 3d ave	2023.81
A W Hardenbrook on acct Engines	2000.00
J Randall on acct Setting Monuments	500.00
W Fish C Treasr 1 Qr Int on City Loan	

Doors closed.

The Recorder laid before the Board a Letter from James Munroe Esqr Sectry of War on the subject of the removal of the present Commander of the 3d Military District

[422] The Report of Messrs Brackett & King which had been laid for consideration was called up & being read was as follows

That conformably to the objects of their appointment they proceeded to Washington, where they had a ready interview with the President of the U S by whom they were refered to the acting Secretary of the Department of war as the proper organ of communication on the points involved in their mission. They accordingly called on Mr Munroe then acting in that capacity who entered into a full discussion of the subjects with which they were charged. He evinced a becoming zeal for the public interest & a spirit of acquiescence & cooperation on the points submitted to his consideration. But not having it within his power to enter into final arrangements respecting the loan, he requested that they would lay before him in writing, such propositions as they would wish to have carried into effect, in relation thereto they therefore addressed to him the note of which the exhibit marked A is a copy, and received from him in answer the Letter marked B covering the note from the Treasury Department, marked C both of which are herewith presented* all

Your Committee feel themselves constrained to state that the note from the Treasury department relative to the mode of accepting and reimbursing the loan was not altogether satisfactory—but finding it to exhibit the only terms authorized by law under which the same could be accepted your committee respectfully recommend that those terms should be complied with and that the corporation become subscribers to the Govermental loan at the current rate of subscription

(Sigd) E W King
J W Brackett

Whereupon Resolved that the Committee of Defence be authorized to negociate with the war depatmt of the U S on the subject of the loan of one million of dollars by this Corporation & that the stock of the U S be taken therefor at 80 pr ct agreab[l]y to the terms offered by the U S to the loans under the act for borrowing $25'000'000

* Marginal note reads *For Letters see page 437.*—Ed.

[423] In Common Council Oct^{r} 31st 1814

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder

Peter Mesier Jonas Mapes Charles Dickenson Peter M^{c}Cartee Tho^{s} R Smith George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen	John Nitchie Joseph W Brackett Augus^{n} H Lawrence Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Asa Mann W^{m} A Hardenbrook Noah Brown	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of W^{m} Handy for permission to erect a vault in front of N^{o} 24 Dey St, was granted under the usual regulations

A Memorial of D^{r} Isaac Ball requesting an appointment under the Com^{n} Council was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A Remonstrance from sundry inhabitants [424] against the obstructions in Peters Street to Peter Stuyvesant Esq^{r}, was read and refered to the St Comss^{r}

A Petition for a Well corner of Herring & Arden Street, was read & refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner with authority to report an ordinance

The Street Commissioner reported a list of Delinquents on assessment for a well & pump in Norfolk St whereupon a warrant was ordered to issue for collection of the same

A Memorial was received from Duncan Graham & Thomas Foote praying that a bond may be issued to them for amount of assessment awarded for damages in opening Murray Street ordered that bonds issue agreably thereto.

The Committee to whom was refered to consider & report a plan for the enforcement of the Sunday Law reported That they have examined the subject and are decidedly of opinion that the good order of the City & the moral interests of the citizens require more uniform and efficient means to restrain the grosser vices [425] prevalent on the Sabbath, than those of the late arrangements. And therefore respectfully recommend a fair experiment of the following plan

1st The City to be divided into three Districts The first to include all that part of the City South of the middle of Murray Street Frankford St and Dover Street—The second District all that part of the City north of the middle of Dover & Frankford St & East of the middle of Chatham St & Bowery—The Third District all that

part of the City West of the middle of Chatham St & Bowery & North of the middle of Murray Street—To each, two persons to be assigned to carry into effect the provisions of the laws of the State & of the common Council for the due observance of the Lords day called Sunday

2dly A standing committee of three members to be appointed whose duty it shall be to see that the said officers faithfully perform their duties—the said committee to have power to appoint & discharge said officers at pleasure subject at all times to the controul of the Common Council

3dly The officers to receive as a compensation respectively such sum per day for each Sabbath they attend as shall be determined by the [426] Committee not exceeding two Dollars

4thly The Committee to be authorized to expend for these services including extraordinary expenses in employing additional persons, a Sum not exceeding seven hundred Dollars per annum

The Committee are of opinion that notwithstanding the persons lately employed to perform these duties did not receive the full qualifications contemplated by the Board, yet that by the Resolutions of their appointment the Common Council cannot claim a return of any part of the money received by them for those services

It appears to your Committee that Nathan Eizenhart was employed by the Alderman of the 7th Ward to keep the peace of the City on Sundays in a very disorderly neighbourhood & that his services have been advantageous to the public—but they have not been able to learn by whom Daniel Nash was employed, except that from a misapprehension on his part that he was or would be appointed by the Board he entered on the duties for which he has charged—and the Committee being informed that he has rendered himself useful in suppressing riots & enforcing the [427] ordinances of the Common Council they recommend that Nathan Eizenhart be paid one Dollar and fifty cents per day for the time charged in his Bill—and that Daniel Nash receive a donation of thirty Dollars

(Sigd) P H Wendover
Peter McCartee
J Nitchie

Which was approved & Alderm Wendover McCartee & Mr Nitchie were appointed to carry into effect said report

Resolved that Alderm Wendover & Mesier be a committee to ascertain when it will be convenient to Comre Decatur to receive the Freedom of the City voted by this Common Council.

Alder[n] Fish moved that the consideration of the appointment of a Superintendant of the Alms House which was postponed to this Meeting be taken up—After some debate on the subject Alder[n] Wendover presented the following resolutions

Whereas the sixth Section of the act entitled an act relative to the Alms House & Bridewell [428] & City Prison in the City of New York is of doubtful construction—Therefore Resolved that it is inexpedient at this time to appoint a Superintendant of the Alms House for any definite time and that the Superintendant of the Old Alms House perform the duties required at the New Alms House till the further order of this Board

The question being taken and a division called it passed in the negative as follows

Negative 11 Alder[n] Mesier—Mapes—Dickenson—M[c]Cartee Fish —Mess[rs] Nitchie—Brackett Lawrence King Hardenbrook

Affirmative 7 Alder[n] Smith—Buckmaster—Wendover Munson Mess[rs] Tucker—Mann Brown

It was then moved that the Board proceed to the appointment of a Superintendant of the Alms House under the act.

The question having been taken thereon and a Division called it was carried in the affirmative those members who in the former question voted in the negative now voting in the affirmative and those who voted in the affirmative now voting in the negative—The Board then proceeded to elect by ballot a person to fill that office when it appeared Richard Furman was duly elected

[429] A protest against the appointment of a Superintendant signed by the Members voting in the minority was presented to be inserted in the Minutes, which was declared by the President out of order—It was then moved that the same be filed—which was agreed to

The Board then agreed to meet at the call of the President

The Comptroller Reported

Accts paid since the last Meeting

Isabella Graham & M[rs] Ogden on acct of the House of Industry as p[r] order of Board May 30[th]	500.00
E & P Dobbs acct piers Brooklyn by order Board	2000.00
J M[c]Leod Ex[r] of G J Warner Inclenburgh bond & Int	619.69
	$3119.69

which were agreed to

He further reported

Balance in the Treasury	7302.43
Warrants not presented	348.50
	$6953.93

Whereupon warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following Accounts

T R Mercein Compr 1 Aug to 1 Novr	500.00
R Graves Asst St Comsr 1 Qr to 1 Nov	200.00
B Hicks " City Inspr " "	62.00
A B Holmes St Inspr " "	60.00
[430] C E Duncan Ass St Inspr 1 Qr to 1 Nov	60.00
J Green " " " "	60.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters field " "	48.00
Mrs Taylor ½ Yrs pension pr order Bd—24 Inst	30.00
J Bailey Balc due pavg Internn Wall & Nassau Sts	279.00
M Reid Well & Pump Arundle St	86.90
A Stagg acct pavg Prince St	300.00
J Richardson reprs to Wells	29.77
R Furman New Alms House	5000.00
	6715.67
Balance	238.26

[431] In Common Council Novr 4th 1814.

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Alderman	John Nitchie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Joseph W Brackett	
Peter McCartee		Augus H Lawrence	
Thomas R Smith		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		Gideon Tucker	
Peter H Wendover		Mott Cannon	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		Noah Brown	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that agreably to the wishes of the generality of the members he had summoned the Common Council for the purpose of confering upon Comr Stephen Decatur the municipal honors voted to him by a former Resolution of the Common Council

The Common Council being informed that Comr Decatur had arrived and was in waiting in the Hall, a Committee consisting [432] of Alderm Mesier & Aldem Munson were appointed to wait upon the Comre and introduce him into the Comn Council Chamber—Upon

his entering the Members rose & upon being presented by the Committee to the Mayor His Honor addressed him as follows

Sir

During the revolutionary war our contests with France and the Barbary powers and in the present war with Great Britain, the gallantry & skill of our seamen have been constantly gaining upon the admiration of mankind—Wherever they have approached an Enemy, victory has almost invariably attended the American Flag—The great Lakes. the Medeterranean Sea, the British Channel, the atlantic & Pacific Oceans bear witness to their illustrious exploits and they have elevated america to the pinnacle of naval glory

When a great event has occurred, we are anxious to see how the actor narrates his own achievements. When the Hero becomes the historian of his own exploits he stands in a situation peculiarly delicate: If he appears in a style of inflated bombast and presents himself to the public in an attitude of swelling arrogance he offends equally the good taste and moral sense of his country [433] but if on the contrary his bravery is only surpassed by his modesty—if he describes his victory in the same spirit with which he achieved it—and if, in addition to this, he conducts himself to the vanquished with chivalric courtesy & humanity his glory is then complete and he ranks among the great men who reflect honor upon human nature

This description will apply most emphatically to the naval heroes who have destinguished themselves during the present war: Their skill & bravery in battle, & their modest & benevolent deportment after victory, evince that whether they are called upon to fight for their country, to record their own achievements, or to exercise the offices of humanity, they stand equally entitled to public approbation

As one of the most distinguished of that illustrious band, you have been honored with the approving voice of your country. This City which looks to you as one of her most efficient protectors in the hour of peril, now presents you with her municipal honors and I feel more than gratified in saying that the sentiments which I have on this occasion expressed, accord with the unanimous voice of our fellow citizens

[434] The Mayor then administered to him the freemans oath and presented to him the certificate of freedom and an elegant Gold Box—the Commodore then made the following reply

Sir

The services which I have had the good fortune to render in the line of my profession, have been so greatly overrated by the honor-

able the Corporation of New York, that I am totally at a loss how to express my thanks, & therefore can only beg leave to assure them, that my utmost exertions shall be used to render myself worthy of the distinguished honor they have been pleased to confer on me, in presenting me the freedom of this City, so conspicuous for its patriotism & pre-eminent for the liberality with which it cherishes & rewards every effort that has a tendency to exhalt the character of the nation—I beg you sir to accept my warmest acknowledgements for the flattering terms in which you have been pleased to express yourself towards me on this occasion

The Com^re^ then withdrew and upon leaving the Hall was saluted by the Citizens who had assembled to witness the honors paid to their gallant countryman

[435] The Board agreably to the law in that case made and provided proceeded to appoint the Inspectors for the ensuing charter election & to designate the places at which the several polls should be holden

the following were the appointments made

Ward 1st	Wm Neilson Jr Samuel Tooker Wm Vn Hook	polls Bakers Tavern Wall St
2d Wd	Samuel Stevens Jacob Mott Stephen Vn Wyck	Battins Tavern Cr Burling Slip & Water St
3d Wd	John Bogert Joseph Strong John W Wyman	Reynolds Tavern 5 Courtlandt St
4th Wd	Leonard Fisher John Lawrence Benjn Crane	Harmany Hall
5 Wd	Joshua Barker Beza E Bliss Henry Heiser	Liberty Hall
6th Wd	Stephen Price John Baker John Sidell	Jays Tavern Mott St
7th Wd	Beal N Lewis James P Allaire Benjn Prince	Smith Place's Tavern
[436] 8th Wd	Jasper Ward Aquila Giles Edmund Kirby	Strattons Tavern Broadway
9th Wd	Wm Brady John H Tallman John Adriance	Rogers Tavern Bloomingdale

10th Wd { Samuel Stillwell, John Drake, Ezekiel Bishop } Whippo's Tavern Cr Broom & Bowery

A Report was received from the Committee of the French benevolent Society detailing an account of their proceedings & expenditures in the relief of the indigent of their countrymen & praying further aid from the Corporation, was read and refered to the Committee of Charity

The Board adjourned to meet at the Alms House for quarterly visitation on Monday 14th Inst 3 o clock

[437] Letters refered to in Report of Messrs Brackett & King a blank sufficient not being left to enter them in the proper place Oct 24 1814

A

The corporation of the City of New York with a view of aiding the Government of the United States in the present crisis of our affairs have authorized a loan of a Million of Dollars; which sum has actually been raised, and is in readiness

The Corporation entertain an expectation that this sum will be appropriated exclusively for the defence of their City & Harbour, & together with such advances as have heretofore been made by them, during the present war for the like purposes be assumed by the United States.

To provide against any future difficulty respecting vouchers, it is respectfully proposed that monies paid, & camp equ[i]page & other articles furnished on the draft or order of the Commander on the N Y Station, shall be duly accredited

That such drafts or order be drawn on such person or persons as the corporation of the City of N York may appoint to hold & pay out the said Sum, each draft or order specifying the particular object or objects to which the money thereby required is to be applied

That the Corporation in case they may deem it necessary shall be at liberty to appoint an [438] agent to make the necessary purchases

And that accounts of expenditures relative to the object proposed when audited & approved by such Commander be considered sufficient vouchers

11 Sepr 1814 We have the honor to be &c

Sigd Elisha W King
J Warren Brackett
In behalf of the Corporation
of the City of New York

Honl Jas Munroe
actg Secty of Deptmt of War

B

War Dep^mt Sep^r 13 1814

Gentlemen

I have submitted to the President the proposition of the Corporation of the City of N York for advancing to the U S. by loan the sum of one million of Dollars to be applied exclusively to the defence of *of* that City in all the necessary measures authorized by law which the present crisis of public affairs may require under the direction of the Government

I am instructed by the President to state that he considers this a proof of the patriotism of the Corporation of New York and of the zeal of the inhabitants in defence of the City & of the common rights of the nation

The proposition is accepted with an understanding that the money must be deposited [439] in some Bank according to the Rules of the Treasury Department & disbursed in the mode & according to the forms of that Department & the Department of war—On the strict application of the money to the object for which it was intended you may confidently rely.

No objection is seen to any arrangement, which may promote this object which is common to this Department & to the Corporation

I enclose a note received from the Treasury Department of the forms which it will be necessary to observe in the case.

Any expenditures incured since the Loan of this money was decided on; coming within the objects will be considered as comprised within its acceptance

I have the honor to be &^c

(Sig^d) James Monroe

E W King &
J W Brackett Esq^r

C

The Sum of one million of Dollars raised by the Corporation of the City of New York for their own defence may be received by the Treasury of the U S as a part of the Sum of 25 million of Dollars authorized to be borrowed by the act of March 24, 1814

But in that case it must be paid into some Bank or Banks to the credit of the Treasurer of the U S

When it shall have been thus paid it will not be [440] applied by the Treasury to any other purpose than that of the defence of the City of New York

The money can be disbursed only on warrants of the Secretary of War, & it will be for him to have an understanding with the Corporation of the City of New York that he will issue warrants payable out of this sum only for the purposes of defence for that City. The Warrants must like all others be drawn on some of the existing appropriations, which will be such as the nature of the several expenditures they are intended to cover shall point out. The arrangement of the accounts to be passed through the war Department, it is presumed; may be made by that Department without difficulty; no greater is perceived to exist than exists in relation to other militia expenditures

Those for the construction of Fortifications it is supposed must be presented by the regular agent of Fortifications of the U S. because the expenses of constructing Fortifications are supposed not to be considered as militia expenses.

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 1814 TO SEPTEMBER 25, 1815

[1] In Common Council Nov^{r} 14th 1814

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder

Peter Mesier Peter M^{c}Cartee Charles Dickenson Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish George Buckmaster Reuben Munson	Aldermen	Joseph Warren Brackett Augus^{s} H Lawrence Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Mott Cannon Asa Mann W^{m} A Hardenbrook Noah Brown	Assistants

This being the period for the quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell, the Board performed that duty

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

The following resignations of persons appointed Inspectors for the ensuing Charter Election were received and the following persons appointed in their places

1st Ward

Samuel Tooker res^{gd} James W Lent appointed

2^{d} Ward

Stephen Van Wyck res^{d} W^{m} W Fox "

3^{d} Ward

John Bogert res^{gd} Leonard Kip "

[2] 4th W^{d}

John B Lawrence res^{d} Nehemiah Allen app^{d}

6th W^{d}

John Sidell res^{gd} Richard L Walker "

10th W^{d}

Samuel Stilwell res^{gd} Stephen Kingsland "

A petition of Jediah Morris for permission to transfer Lease of Lot N^{o} 131 William St to Catharine Killegrew was read & refer^{d} to the Comp^{r}

A petition of Michael Crawbuck for Stall N° 59 Fly market at present held by Henry Carrier was read & refered to the Market Committee

A Memorial of Andrew Maverick copper plate printer to be employed in printing the money bills to be issued by the Corporation was read & refered to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the intended widening of Murray St was read & refered to the St Commissioner

A Memorial of Stephen Gould requesting permission to assign the lease held by him of the Lot corner of Wall & Broad St to the Washington mutual insurance Company was read & refered to the Comptroller

The following representation was made by the Superintendant of the Alms House

[3] The Super[dt] of the Alms House feels it his duty to represent to the Board that from the peculiar situation of the City owing to the distresses occasioned by the War, he has good reason to believe that the applications for public charity will be far more numerous than at any former period, so much so as to render it altogether impracticable for him to give relief so promptly as their necessities may absolutely require, besides there will be such a host of new applicants a large proportion of whom it will not be in his power to ascertain whether proper objects for assistance or not, and thereby be subjected to many impositions, for remedy whereof he would beg leave to recommend to the board to appoint some suitable person to purchase and deposit the following quantities of wood in the wards hereunto annexed

4th	250	Loads	
5th	300	"	
6	300	"	The arrangements for distribution may hereafter be made
7	450		
8	100		
10	350		
	1750		

The small supply for the first Second third & Ninth wards may be given in the small way from the Alms House

(Sig[d]) Rich[d] Furman

Which was agreed to & the Superintendant was d[i]rected to make the purchases agreably to his suggestion

[4] The City Inspector presented the following ordinances for correction of nuisances on the premises of the following persons.

George Beck	Lot N° 12	Mulberry St	
John Lowerree		Reed	"
Herman King	5	Duane	"
William Bull	74	Liberty	"
Whitehead Hicks, Michael M Titus & others	174	Duane	"
Andrew Bowne, W^m F Osgood & Maria Inglesby	23	William	"
John Lawrence		Reed St	

Which were passed

The Market Committee to whom was refered the Petitions of sundry persons to sell meat in the 10^th^ Ward reported

That from every information your Committee have been able to obtain they have no doubt but that the inconvenience resulting from the law lately passed for the regulation of the Public markets is as extensively experienced as the Petitioners complain and therefore are of opinion that the restrictions in said law as to selling meat out of the public markets ought to be suspended until the further order of the Board as to the tenth Ward

To remedy as far as practicable the want of a public market in this neighbourhood your [5] Committee are induced to presume the Inhabitants would be satisfied if a few Butchers were permitted to vend meat in said neighbourhood from their several houses & beg leave for this purpose to recommend—Samuel Pearsey John Ackley—Andrew Van Duren—Thomas Place & William Appleby

Sig^d^ Peter Mesier
Augus^n^ H Lawrence
Peter M^c^Cartee

It is moreover the opinion of the Committee that the above butchers be compelled to make a just report under oath of the fees which they may owe at least once every month to the Comptroller

(Sig^d^) Peter Mesier
Augus^n^ H Lawrence
Peter M^c^Cartee

Which was approved

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner stating the injury to the pavements of the Streets done by Swine which was refered to him, with directions to report a plan for preventing the mischief

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue for collecting the same

He further presented an Assessment for the [6] surplus damages in enlarging & straightening Pearl Street from Chatham to Augustus Street which had been advertised & also objections made. Whereupon it was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

An ordinance "to prevent fraud in the sale of vegetables" was presented & passed.

Resolved that the Committee of finance be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for receiving such of the Corporation money Bills as are worn out and giving therefor such as are perfect—& also to cancel such as are worn.

The Comptroller Reported

Accounts paid since the last meeting

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	"	621.25
Holden & Lawrence	"	474.25
Hedden & Angevine	"	339.50
P W Talbott Inclenburgh	bond & Int due 25 Sep	1398.07
Geo Sinclair	" " "	84.43
C Christian furniture Govr Room Order Comtee		894.00
		$4506.25

which were agreed to

He also reported

Cash in the Treasury	$16315.55
Warrants not presented	632.00
	$15683.55

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

[7] J Thompson Collecr U S Tax	599.56
Comptroller to pay Aldermen attending Sessions fr Aug 1813 to Octr 1814	1248.00
DeWitt Clinton 1 Qr Salry to 12 Nov	1750.00

N Eisenhart services rendered on Sundays	37.50
A Woodward Ass City Inspr 1 Mo to 15 Nov	62.50
J D Vecchio Picture frame & ornaments	170.00
J Luffborough regulat Clock Rutgers St	16.66
A Smyth on acct Sullivan St	100.00
Do " " Hudson "	150.00
Do balc due for Carlton St	142.27
J Bailey repairs to Streets	35.00
T & G Lovett acct Trench in canal St	400.00
J W Dominick award ground taken 1s Avenue	75.00
E Jennings Supdt Lamps to 11 Inst	520.57
D Stillwell repairs to pumps	83.50
J Richardson " Wells	17.25
J Hyslop for W Dove 2d Instmt Inclenburgh bond & Int	680.37
P & E Dobbs on acct piers Brooklyn	1000.00
R Furman on Acct Alms Ho & Bridewell	5000.00
J Wallace Supdt Reprs on Acct Engines	500.00
	$12538.18
Balc	$3.145.37

[8] In Common Council Novr 21. 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes	Joseph W Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augusn H Lawrence
Peter McCartee	Elisha W King
Thos R Smith	Gideon Tucker
George Buckmaster	Mott Cannon
Peter H Wendover	Noah Brown
Nicholas Fish	Asa Mann
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

John W Mulligan Esqr Clerk of the City & County of New York made returns of copies of the certificates of the Inspectors appointed to hold the charter election for charter officers of the several wards of this City on the 15 16. 17th days of November Inst by which it appeared that the following persons were chosen in the several wards hereinafter named to the following Offices & the said persons were declared duly elected to the said offices

The Clerk was directed to give notice of said appointment to the

persons so chosen & to attend at the Com[n] Council chamber on the 1[st] Monday in December next to take the oaths prescribed by law

[9] 1[st] Ward.

Peter Mesier	Alder[n]
Samuel Jones Jun[r]	Asst
John Suydam, Gould Hoyt	Assessors
Dan[l] J Ebbets	Collector
Robert Graham, Zephaniah Brown	Constables

2[d] Ward

Jonas Mapes	Alder[n]
Jacob Lorrillard	Asst
Israel Horsfield, Eliphalet Williams	Assessors
John Bloodgood	Collector
Asa Eastwood, John C Gillen	Constables

3[d] Ward

Augustine H Lawrence	Alder[n]
Anthony L Underhill	Asst
Hermanus Tallman, John Haggerty	Assessors
Francis V Many	Collector
Joshua Green, George Van Giesen	Constable[s]

4[th] Ward

Peter M[c]Cartee	Alder[n]
Elisha W King	asst
David Baker, Thomas Bloodgood	Assessors
Adolph L Degrove	Collector
Peter Hozer, Robert Kearney	Constables

[10] 5[th] Ward

Thomas R Smith	Alder[n]
Gideon Tucker	Asst
John Morss, Tho[s] J Campbell	Assessors
William Berrian	Collector
John Striker, Charles E Kelly	Constables

6[th] Ward

Isaac S Douglass	Alder[n]
Daniel E Tylee	Asst
John M[c]Clure, Andrew Colvin	Assessors
John O Neale	Collector
John Strang, Lewis Dubois	Constables

7[th] Ward

George Buckmaster	Alder[n]
Asa Mann	Asst
Michael M Titus, David Lyon	Assessors
Morris Oakley	Collector
Azel Conkling, John M[c]Kibbon	Constables

8[th] Ward

William Few	Alder[n]
Arthur Burtiss	Asst
Isaac Emmons, John P Roome	Assessors
Andrew Hegeman	Collector
Moses Cunningham, Andrew Bleakley	Constables

[11] 9[th] Ward

Nicholas Fish	Alderman
Wm A Hardenbrook	Asst
William Brady, William Holmes	Assessors
Thomas Dunning	Collector
Sylvanus Conklin, Daniel Stewart	Constables

10[th] Ward

Reuben Munson	Alder[n]
Noah Brown	Asst
Thomas Cooper, John Hunt Jun[r]	Assessors
John Palmer	Collector
Henry G Disbrow, Nathaniel Nott Jun[r]	Constables

A Memorial was received from John Brower & Abraham Hart Sealers of weights & measures asking an explanation of the ordinance

of the board on the subject of weights & measures & whether the same extended to Long or Yard measure

Ordered to be refered to the Counsel

A petition of John Patterson & Jacob Demarest was received praying that a bond might issue to them for payment of the assessment of damages awarded them in opening Murray St—Ordered that the same be refered to the Committee on Finance and Comptroller

A Petition of William Thompson for appointment [12] of Measurer of grain was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A petition of Cottrell & Martin praying that a sale of a Lot on the East side of Cherry Street formerly belonging to M^{r} Byverick may be stayed the pavement of the Street for which the assessment was laid not having been compleated—It was ordered to be refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to delay the sale if in his opinion legal

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for excess of damages in opening Frankfort Street it having been advertized & no objections made thereto. Whereupon Resolved that the same be confirmed & that Noah Jarvis be appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner made a communication on the subject of improvements making by M^{r} A L Stewart in Broome Street which would narrow the same—which was directed to be refered to the Com^{tee} on Streets

The Street Commissioner to whom was refered the remonstrance against the opening of Murray Street reported

That the Commissioners for enlarging Murray Street—did advertize their report previous to its being presented to the Supreme Court —the petitioners not having made their objections [13] at that time the report was confirmed on the 2^{d} day of May last—and of course not now in the power of the Common Council to stop the proceedings And the Street Commissioner is of opinion it would be inexpedient to stay the collection of the assessment, as the Corporation will have to pay the several sums awarded to individuals on or before the 1st May next amounting to $22.605.07 of which only $750 is collected

He would therefore recommend that the Collector be directed to proceed with the collection of the Assessment

(Sig^{d}) John M^{c}Comb St Coms^{r}

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance respecting swine which was directed to be refered to the Counsel

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to make the necessary

arrangements for celebrating the 25th of Novr Inst. The aniversary of the evacuation of this City by the british Troops at the close of the revolutionary war

Comtee appointed were—Aldern Mesier Aldern Munson Mr Brackett

Resolved that the Committee of finance be authorised to extend the issuing of Corporation money bills to a sum not exceeding fifty thousand Dollars

[14] The following Resolution was presented by His Honor the Mayor & unanimously agreed to

In testimony of the high sense which the Common Council entertain of the important services rendered to the United States & of the lustre reflected upon the American character by the successful operations of a small army under the command of Genl Macomb acting in concert with a body of gallant militia hastily assembled from this State & Vermont against a powerful army commanded by the Governor General of Canada in person, whereby the Enemy was compelled to retreat into his own territory & our important Northern frontier was protected from his devastations

Therefore Resolved that the freedom of this City in a gold box be presented to Genl Macomb & that he be requested to sit for his portrait to be put up in the gallery of portraits belonging to this City, & that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the officers & soldiers of the regular Troops & Militia who acted so worthily at that important crisis

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to communicate this Resolution to Genl Macomb and that the Recorder, Aldern Mapes' & Mr Brown be a committee to carry it into execution

His Honor the Mayor presented copy of [15] a letter written by him to Genl Brown together with the General's answer, which were directed to be published & to be inserted on the minutes

To Genl Brown

Sir N Y Novr 14th 1814

In communicating to You the unanimous vote of the Common Council of this City respecting yourself & the gallant army under your command I am at a loss for adequate language to express the sentiments of satisfaction which I experience on this occasion

Without intending to express any opinion on antecedent events, I can with confidence assert that the exploits of the army under your command on the Niagara Frontier have exalted our Military character

have inspired public confidence, and have exhibited skill intrepidity & enterprise which reflect honor on the Soldier of any country

I pray you Sir to be assured of my undeviating regard & of the high respect with which

I am &c

(Sigd) DeWitt Clinton

from Genl Brown

Head Qrs
Sackets Harbour
Nov 9th 1814

Sir

I have received your letter of the 14 ulto enclosing the Resolutions of the Corporation of the City of New York of the 10th approving my conduct & that of the gallant army which it was my good fortune to command on the Niagara Frontier The approbation of my country is the highest reward [16] I covet—The praise so justly bestowed on my brave Troops is in the highest degree grateful to my feelings. It is to them, that I am indebted for the distinguished mark of honor confered upon me, the value of which is not a little increased by the prompt & decisive manner in which it was awarded, and the very flattering terms in which you have been pleased to lay the subject before me

Have the goodness sir to express to the Corporation of the City of New York the high sense which I shall always entertain of the honor confered on myself & my gallant companions in arms & receive the assurance of my unalterable respect & the high consideration with which I am

Your &c Sigd Jac Brown

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	4.133.83
Warrants not presented	168.58
	$3965.25

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for the fols accts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & White "	221.25
Holden & Lawrence "	474.25
J Varrick Inspr Bread 1 Qr to 17 Aug	94.00
D S Jones Atty Balc due for 6 mo ens 20 Nov	33.70
The Comptroller for Inspr & Clerks Election	248.00
D Nash for sundry services pr Resn C C	30.00

T Hazard & 2 assistants keeping City Prison 1 Qr	512.00
A Smyth on Acct pavg Hudson St	150.00
	$3197.95
Balance	$767.30

[17] In Common Council Novr 28th 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Jonas Mapes	Aldern	John Nitchie	Assistants
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Mott Cannon	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approvd

A Petition of John Hilleker for Stall No 3 Catharine Market, was read & refered to Market Comee

A Memorial of Elisha Brewster praying compensation for medical attendance on a Mr Fishbanck injured by a fall of a bank of earth while in public employ was read & refered to the Bellevue Committee

A Petition of John Roberts injured while at work on the Fortifications & praying relief was refered to the Committee of defence

The Council presented a Deed to the "New York Society for promoting the manumission of Slaves and protecting such of them as have been or [18] may be liberated" for Lot No 107 & 161 on the Northwesterly side of William Street agreably to a former resolution of the Board, which was directed to be duly executed

A Petition for a well near the corner of Arundle Street & Broome St was read & refered to the Aldern & Asst of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report ordinance therefor

A Petition of the measurers of grain praying an encreased allowance for measuring was read & refered to Aldern Buckmaster Aldern Mapes Mr King

A Memorial from J B Andrews & Timothy Alden stating that many poor persons were unable to attend the preaching of the gosple on account that their poverty prevented their hiring seats in the established churches and stating that several of the ministry were willing to devote their services to the duties of their profession provided a building could be assigned for that purpose & praying the Common

Council to assign a building—was read & refered to Alder[n] Wendover M[c]Cartee M[r] Nitchie

[19] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$6.412.23

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts.

B Skaats & 2 ass[ts] Keeper City Hall to 18 Inst	270.25
J Hays & others extra services Police Office	279.25
B Hicks Ass[t] City Insp[r] 1 mo to 1 Dec[r]	60.00
S Green S[t] Insp do	52.00
A B Holmes do	52.00
C E Duncan do	60.00
E Kelly filling Collect Lots as p[r] Contract	100.00
W[m] Kay repairs to Intersec[ns] of Streets	11.18
H Brush do " Pumps	65.40
M Banks do do	38.24
J Hardman work on Roads in full	366.80
O Waldron do do do	469.46
J Cox Spec[l] Justice 1 Q[r] to 26[th] Nov[r]	250.00
C Schultz do do	250.00
J Hedden do do	250.00
B Oblenis Chf Clerk in Police office	250.00
R Stephens Ass[t] do do	150.00
J Hardcastle 1 Q[r] printing to Nov 18[th]	46.12
Tho[s] Franklin Chf Engr 1 Q[r] Salry to 18[th]	209.25
T & G Lovett bal[c] of Corp[n] propor[n] Pier James Slip	561.04
D[o] do M[rs] Bunces do do	166.33
J Randall on acct setting Monuments p[r] Cont[ct]	500.00
Mary Stuyvesant award opens 3[d] avenue	925.67
	$5482.39
Balance	$929.84

[20] In Common Council Dec[r] 5[th] 1814

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Jonas Mapes Peter M[c]Cartee Thomas R Smith Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen	John Nitchie Joseph W Brackett Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Mott Cannon	Assistants

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approv[d]

A Memorial of the female Society for furnishing employment to

industrious poor praying the further aid of the Common Council was read & refered to Alder[n] Fish Alder[n] Munson Alder[n] Mesier

A Petition of Whitehead Cornell for a Stall in the Fly market was read & refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of Michael Souque stating that he is a foreigner unacqu[a]inted with our language & laws that he has lately been assessed for Corporation tax to $42 far above what he thinks he should [21] be rated at, that not knowing his remedy by law he did not make application to the Assessors, and praying relief. Ordered that the same be refered to the Committee of Finance

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well & pump in Arundle St between Broome & Delancy St which was passed and W[m] Stilwell Jacob Tallman & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed Assessors

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a copy of the letter written by him to Gen[l] Macomb agreably to the Resolution of the Board & the answer of Gen[l] Macomb, which were directed to be inserted on the Minutes

N Y. Nov 23[d] 1814

Sir

The enclosed resolution of the Common Council of this City respecting the gallant exploits of the regular Troops under your command and of the militia associated with you in the defence of our Northern frontier expresses fully my sentiments, and I have therefore only to add the assurance of the great respect with which

I have the honor to be &[c]

Maj[r] Gen[l] Macomb — Sig[d] DeWitt Clinton

To the Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton — Bellevill Nov[r] 24[th] 1814

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt [22] of your favor of the 23[d] inclosing the resolutions of the Common Council of the City of New York expressing their approbation of my conduct in defending Plattsburgh and offering their thanks to the gallant officers & soldiers under my command in that affair—also requesting me to sit for my portrait & presenting me with the freedom of the City. These marks of distinction are received with the liveliest emotion and are peculiarly gratifying as proceeding from the constituted authorities of a City so renowned for its munificence & public spirit. I shall with pleasure comply with the intentions of the Resolution and ever

be mindful that the richest reward of an american soldier is the approbation & good opinion of his fellow citizens. With these sentiments permit me to offer the assurances of the high consideration & respect with which

I have the honor to be &c

(Sig[d]) Alex[r] Macomb

The following Resolution was presented by M[r] Nitchie & agreed to.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to report a Warrant for two hundred and fifty Dollars in favor of the Rev[d] John Sanford as a compliment for past services as a minister of the Gospel rendered at the Alms House and other public institutions in this City

[23] The Committee to whom was refered the Memorial of J B Andrews & Timothy Alden reported. That they have taken the same into mature consideration, and altho' an arrangement like this, contemplated to be in some degree under the patronage of the Common Council was in a measure novel to Your Committee; they have endeavoured to examine it in its various bearings and effects, and having had an interview with those gentlemen, more particularly to understand their views the Committee are of opinion that public good will result from the proposed arrangement

The Committee find that these gentlemen are Clergymen of respectable standing, not connected at present with any particular congregations, and are desirous while they remain in this City to devote their ministerial labors gratuitously for the benefit of the poor thereof, and such others not attached to any particular Congregation as may desire to give their attendance—Your Committee being necessarily circumscribed within a short period to take preparatory measures to bring the whole subject before the board and presuming these measures would meet the approbation of the Common Council, made application to the trustees of the N Y Free School for the use of School Room N° 1. which was granted by the unanimous vote of the Trustees; who at the same time appointed a Committee from their board to confer with your Committee on the subject—The joint committees [24] having met with the gentlemen who have offered their services, and understanding from them, their determination to avoid all sectarian controversies, and to adhere to the truths of the gospel as generally received in the Church of Christ your Committee entertain a hope that the labor of these gentlemen will not be in vain, and anxiously wish it may receive the Divine benediction

The Committee further report, that it is understood by the Trustees of the Free school, in case any injury should result to their fixtures, that the expense of repairs will be borne by the Common Council which in the opinion of the Committee is reasonable & proper

The Committee are of opinion that during the cold season the necessary fuel to warm the place should be furnished at the expense of the Corporation, and that a suitable person be provided at a small compensation, to attend during Divine service on the Sabbath, & if necessary to sweep out the room every monday morning; and recommend that the superintendance of this business be refered to some suitable standing committee of the board with power to carry the same into effect

(Sig^{d}) P H Wendover
Peter M^{c}Cartee
J Nitchie

Which was agreed to

[25] M^{r} Nitchie moved that Adrian B Holmes be removed from the office of Deputy S^{t} Commissioner. The question being taken thereon it passed in the affirmative

The following Resolutions were presented by Alder^{n} Mesier & unanimously agreed to

Resolved that the Common Council entertain a high sense of the important aid rendered to them last fall by the several corps of Militia assembled for the defence of this City, that in their opinion the zeal and ardour of the Troops manifested by their prompt and cheerful obedience to the summons of patriotism at a season so important to their individual concerns, by their exemplary deportment during the period of service, by their industry & perseverance in perfecting themselves in military discipline, by their magnanimous display of patience while absent from their homes and families, by their fortitude & acquiescence under the numerous privations incident to a soldiers life, and by their fixed determination to meet resolutely every event they might be required to encounter, merits the warmest applause and lasting gratitude of their country, and should, with the utmost confidence be deemed an honorable pledge that such men will never permit their soil to be polluted by the ravages of ruthless invaders

Resolved that the Citizens of this metropolis whose exposed situation renders them so assailable by the Enemy and whose property must naturally [26] excite the cupidity of a Foe prosecuting a barbarous system of warfare unexampled for plunder & devastation, do

sensibly feel an important additional security from recent experience, and enjoy under existing circumstances a repose which nothing but a conviction of the patriotism and physical strength of the Country could possibly impart. They therefore will never cease to recollect with the liveliest pleasure & gratitude that while their immediate fellow Citizens were anxiously exerting every nerve in the crisis of alarm to erect Fortifications & works of defence their brethren from the surrounding Country were at the same time assembling with alacrity & marching with celerity their hardy and intrepid bands to man & defend those works

Resolved that the spirit of the Citizens themselves, by their liberality in contributing their money, by their zealous patriotism in applying so assiduously their personal labor, and by consigning to oblivion party distinctions the more effectually to promote self defence, Have given a character to New York which has raised it to a proud eminence & will be noticed by future times with just approbation

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$9340.18
Warrants not presented	208.20
	$9131.98

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

[27] Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Holden & Lawrence "	474.25
Hedden & Angevine "	339.50
Martling & Cozzens & others for Dinner 25 Novr	841.00
M Ackerman keeper Potters Field to 1 Decr	45.00
Peace Officers services late Election Charter Offs	128.00
Evens Post 6 Mo Subn to 16 Novr	37.50
A Smyth on acct pavg Sullivan St	100.00
S Nichols repairs to Lamps	102.62
Ricd Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.00
James Wallace " Repairs	300.00
	$8683.87
Balance	$448.11

This being the day prescribed by law for the newly elected members & other elective corporate officers, to take the oaths prescribed by law the following persons attended & were sworn by his Honor the Mayor in presence of the Common Council

1st Ward

Peter Mesier	Alderman
Samuel Jones Junr	Assistant
John Suydam, Gould Hoyt	Assessors
Robert Graham, Zephaniah Brown	Constables

2d Ward

Jonas Mapes	Aldermen
Jacob Lorrillard	Assistant
[28]Eliphalet Williams, Israel Horsfield	Assessors
Asa Eastwood, John C Gillen	Constables

3d Ward

Augustin H Lawrence	Alderman
A L Underhill	Assistant
Joshua Green, George Van Geisen	Constables

4th Ward

Peter McCartee	Alderman
Elisha W King	Assistant
Thomas Bloodgood, David Baker	Assessors
Peter Hozer, Robert Kearney	Constables

5th Ward

Thomas R Smith	Alderman
Gideon Tucker	Assistant
John Morss, Thomas J Campbell	Assessors
John Striker, Charles C Kelly	Constables

6th Ward

Isaac S Douglass	Alderman
Daniel E Tylee	Assistant
John McClure, Andrew Colvin	Assessors
John Strang, Lewis Dubois	Constables

[29] 7th Ward

George Buckmaster	Alderman
Asa Mann	Assistant
Michael M Titus, David Lyon	Assessors
Azel Conklin, John McKibbin	Constables

8th Ward

William Few	Alderman
	Assistant
John P Roome, Isaac Emmons	Assessors
Moses Cunningham, Andrew Bleakley	Constables

9th Ward

Nicholas Fish	Alderman
Wm A Hardenbrook	Assistant
	Assessors
Daniel Stewart, Silvenus Conklin	Constables

10th Ward

Reuben Munson	Alderman
Noah Brown	Assistant
John Hunt Junr	Assessors
Henry G Disbrow, Nathaniel Nott Junr	Constables

His Honor the Mayor having appointed Jacob Hays Hig[h] Constable—he was sworn into office accordingly

[30] After which the newly elected Members took their seats at the Board and the Common Council was formed as follows

The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Mayor

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Jun[r]
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence	Anthony L Underhill
Peter M[c]Cartee	Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith	Gideon Tucker
Isaac S Douglass	Daniel E Tylee
William Few	Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish	W[m] A Hardenbrook
Reuben Munson	

This being the day prescribed by law for the election of Chamberlain or City Treasurer Whitehead Fish Esq[r] was unanimously re-elected to that Office—and ordered that he give such sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as Shall be approved by the Mayor

The Clerk was directed to furnish to the newly elected Members a copy of the Rules of the Common Council, of the ordinances of the Corporation and a Map of the City

M[r] King moved that the Board proceed to elect a person to fill the Office of Deputy Street [31] Commissioner made vacant by the removal of M[r] Holmes which was agreed to, and the board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill said office when W[m] M[c]Intosh was duly chosen

Resolved that the subject of the duties of the Deputy Street Commissioners be refered to the Street Committee with a request that they would report thereon

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees for the ensuing Year

On Applications
Alder[n] Douglass
" Few
M[r] Underhill

Assessments
Mess[rs] Jones
" Lorillard
" Tylee
" Tucker
" Mann

Bellevue
Alder[n] Fish
" Lawrence
Mess[rs] Hardenbrook
" King
" Tucker

Building
Alder[n] Smith
" Fish
" Munson
Lawrence
M[r] Burtis

Canal

Alderⁿ Few
" Smith
Messʳˢ Hardenbrook
Tylee
Tucker

Charity

Alderⁿ Mapes
Mesier
Messʳˢ Brown
Mann
Burtis

Defence

Alderⁿ Fish
Smith
Mesier
Buckmaster
Mapes
[32] Douglass
Mʳ Tucker

Ferries

Mʳ King
Alderⁿ Lawrence
" Mapes

Finance

Alderⁿ Lawrence
" Mapes
" Munson
Messʳˢ Tylee
Underhill

Fire Department

Alderⁿ McCartee
Messʳˢ Burtis
Tylee

Lamps

Alderⁿ McCartee
Munson
Douglass

Laws

Messʳˢ Jones
King
Alderⁿ Smith

Markets

Alderⁿ Mesier
Few
McCartee
Lawrence
Mʳ Brown

Police

Messʳ Jones.
King
Brown
Alderⁿ Douglass
Smith

Repairs

Alderʳ Lawrence
Mess Hardenbrook
Brown

Roads

Alderⁿ Fish
Munson
Mesier
Lawrence
Mʳ Hardenbrook

Streets

Messʳˢ King
Underhill
Alderⁿ Buckmaster

Sunday Laws

Alderⁿ McCartee
Munson
Mʳ Lorillard

Surveys

Alderʳ Mesier
Fish
Messʳˢ Jones
Hardenbrook
Burtis

Watch

Messʳˢ King
Jones
Alderⁿ Mapes
[33] Buckmaster
Douglass

Wharves Piers & Slips

Alderⁿ Douglass
Buckmaster
Mʳ Hardenbrook

In Common Council Decr 8th 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder

Jonas Mapes	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Augustine H Lawrence		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter McCartee		Anthony L Underhill	
Isaac S Douglass		Daniel E Tylee	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

His Honor the Mayor informed the board that Major Genl Macomb had been ordered to the Frontiers & was immediately to leave the City he had therefore summoned them together for the purpose of conferring upon the General the civic honors voted to him by the Common Council

The board being informed that Genl Macomb was in waiting a Committee consisting of Alderm Lawrence & Douglass were appointed to introduce the General

Upon his entering the Common Council Chamber he was received by the Common Council [34] with due respect and upon being presented by the Committee to the Mayor His Honor addressed him as follows

Sir

At the Commencement of the present war, most of the Soldiers of the Revolution were no more: The surviving few bending under the weight of years or still feeling the wounds they had received in their Country's cause were with some exceptions no longer able to appear in arms. A long peace had in a great degree banished military knowledge but there was still one institution devoted to its cultivation. From this school superintended by a Gentleman of great science and talents, has proceeded that knowledge which has essentially promoted the security of America—War is a science as well as an art, and in order to constitute an able & accomplished Soldier there must be an union of valor, intelligence & discipline. Considering our unprepared state, the absence of discipline & the low state of Military knowledge, it is not to be wondered that the first stages of our contest should be ma[r]ked by unfortunate events. Adversity tries the character of nations as well as of individuals. It was not for America in the vigor of youth & in the full possession of martial courage & physical power to succumb under a series of disastrous occurrences. She rose in the plenitude of her strength like Sampson [35] from his slumbers. She

sent forth her gallant Sons to the combat—they measured swords with long tried veteran armies that had gathered laurels on the ensanguined plains of Europe—They repulsed the Enemy in all directions with inferior force they frequently conquered them; with equal force they never were vanquished—They have acquired immortal renown. have given confidence to the Country—have elevated our character in the estimation of the civilized world; and posterity will look upon the actors in these illustrious scenes with the same veneration that we now contemplate the departed Heroes of former times

Fully sensible of the important services which you have rendered to america at a very critical period and desirous of doing justice to a citizen of this State who deserves so well of his Country, this City now confers upon you her civic honors.

The Mayor then administered to him the Freemans Oath and presented him with the certificate of freedom, together with a gold box

after which Gen[l] Macomb made the following reply

The honors confered on me by the unanimous voice of the Corporation are no less flattering to me than they will be gratifying to the Troops I had the good fortune to command They will receive the approbation of the constituted authorities of the City of New York with [36] a due sense of its value & importance—I am about to return to them & witness the enthusiasm with which they will hail the sentiments so honorably expressed on their conduct.

I leave, Sir, the City with an anxious wish for its prosperity & most fervent prayers for its safety. And thus I take a most affectionate leave of my fellow Citizens & of you Gentlemen of the Corporation in particular

The General then withdrew

A Letter was received from His Excellency Governor Tompkins, stating, that the house lately occupied by Gen[l] Lewis as Head Quarters, was now vacant & that it will shortly be in the possession of the Corporation—That he felt a delicacy in assuming any controul or possession of that establishment until he knew whether such possession or control for any & for what time would be perfectly agreable to the Common Council

Whereupon it was unanimously resolved that His Excellency be informed that it was perfectly agreable to the Com[n] Council that those premises should be occupied by the U S. until the first of May next

A Petition of Juan de la Coba & Maria Josefa de la Coba his wife was presented stating that they are Spaniards by descent & formerly Inhabitants of S[t] Domingo. That driven from [37] thence by the

troubles in that Island they fled with a remnant of a large fortune to Carraccas. That the late Earthquake at that place in which three of their children perished completed the ruins of their fortune & they had come to the U S in the hope of supporting by their industry their family consisting of six children. In this owing to the present situation of the country they have been disappointed & now propose to remove to the Havana and to enable them to effect that they pray some aid from the Com[n] Council. Ordered that it be refered to the following Committee with authority to grant them a sum not exceeding one hundred Doll's

Committee Alder[n] Douglass M[c]Cartee Munson

A Communication was received from the Fire Wardens of the Second Ward stating a wish that the Corporation would invest the Fire Wardens with a discretionary power to secure chimnies in which charcoal is used—refered to the Committee on the Fire Department

The City Inspector presented returns of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

	James Dobbin	Lot N[o] 35. Henry St
	Andrew Stockholm John Stockholm	Little Water St
	Cornelius J Bogert	Cor[r] Delaney St & 2[d] St
	Peter & Geo Lorillard	Anthony St
[38]	David Marshall	Lot 141 William St
	Do	Nuisance Do
	Hugh M[c]Cloughn	do 6 Jeys Alley
	William Hunter	Lot Corlears St
	Gabriel Winter	do Broome
	Herman King	do 5 Duane
	Tho[s] Knox Executor of N Gouverneur	do Grand
	Andrew Bowne Owner W[m] F Osgood Maria Inglesby	23 William St

[39] In Common Council Decr 12th 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr — Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker
Isaac S Douglass		Daniel E Tylee
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann
William Few		Wm A Hardenbrook
Nicholas Fish		Noah Brown
Reuben Munson		

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Hose Company No 1 stating that at a meeting of the Company William Stone was elected foreman in Place of Jacob P Roome & requesting the sanction of the Board to said election— Ordered to be refered to the Committee on the Fire Department & Chief Engineer

A Petition of Jacob Hays & John Bogart Captns of City Watch stating that the Justices of the police has taken possession of a room used by them & praying the same may be restored to them.

Ordered to be refered to the Police & Building Comee

[40] Petitions of Helen Deas & Mary Boyce praying relief from assessments on their property were read & refered to Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Abraham Hart for appointment of Captain of City Watch was read & refered to the Committee on applications

Memorials from Robt McCleve & Willet Robins were presented praying relief from penalties incurred by exporting flour without being inspected were read & refered to Mr King Alderm McCartee Alderm Smith

The Council presented a declaration of Sale to Jacob Halsey for Lot No 1211 of Bayards Farm sold for non payment of Assessment for well & Pump in Broome Street which was directed to be duly executed

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of nuisances on the premises of the following persons.

John Lowerree	No 104 Reed St
Conrad Brooks	212 Greenwich St
Peter Crawbuck	Elisabeth n Spring
William Bull	74 Liberty St

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented a Return [41] of Delinquents upon the Assessment for opening First Avenue from 10th to 25th Street and for opening 13th Street—whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same

Alderm Douglass from the Committee on the Petition of Juan Dela Coba & Wife reported that the sum allowed by the Common Council to be expended for their relief was insufficient for the purpose. Whereupon it was allowed to the Committee to expend a further sum of forty Dollars in their relief

Alderm Mesier from the Market Committee reported That they have considered the merits of the respective applicants and recommend that a grant for Stall No 3 in the Catharine Market be made to John White

(Sigd) Peter Mesier
A H Lawrence
Peter McCartee
Noah Brown

A Letter was received from John White resigning his office as Captain of the Watch of the 2d District which was accepted—the Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy, when Richard Brown was elected

Alderman Mesier presented the following [42] Resolution—Resolved that Zadock Hedden & Lewis Angevine Captains of the 4th District of the City Watch & George Gardner one of the assistants of the said District be and they are hereby respectively dismissed from their said offices It being agreed to take the Question on their names separately, upon taking the question for the removal of Zadock Hedden and a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 12.

The Recorder—Alderm Mesier. Mapes. Lawrence McCartee—Douglass. Fish Messrs Jones Tylee. King Hardenbrook Underhill

Negative 8.

Alderm Smith—Few—Buckmaster—Munson Messrs Lorillard—Tucker—Brown—Mann

The question was then taken upon the removals of Lewis Angevine & George Gardner separately, and each carried in the affirmative

The Board then proceeded by Ballot to elect persons to fill those vacancies when the following persons were chosen

Isaac Van Dyck Capⁿ vice Zaddock Hedden
George W Willis Capⁿ " Lewis Angevine
William Lawrence Assᵗ " George Gardner
Joshua Hatfield Assᵗ " J Van Dyck appᵈ Captⁿ

Alderⁿ Smith moved that an additional number of Corporation money Bills be issued to the further amount of fifty thousand Dollars and that two [43] additional signers to the Bills be employed—after some discussion the further consideration was postponed until the next meting of the Board.

Resolved that a power of Attorney issue under the Corporate seal giving authority to John Pintard and Thomas Franklin to sign such money Bills issued by the Common Council as shall be directed—and that the Council prepare such Letter of Attorney

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to fit up the Mayors office for the meetings of the Common Council

An Application was made by Stephen Hitchcock for payment of Assessment for ground taken to widen Frankfort Street which was refered to the Comptroller & St Commissioner

Resolved that the Council prepare a Lease from the Corporation of St Stephens Church to this Corporation for ground taken from them upon which an Engine House is to be erected

His Honor the Mayor stating he had something of a confidential nature to communicate the

Doors were closed

The Mayor stated he had had a personal conference with Govʳ Tompkins on the Subject of the pay of the Militia of this City lately in service [44] that the Governor had stated that the Banks had offered to accommodate him with a loan for that purpose provided it was guaranteed by the Corporation—that for their security he would deposit Treasury notes to the amount

Resolved that the same be refered to the Committee of defence with a request that they would report the terms of said loan and when to be reimbursed

The Comptroller reported

Cash paid R Furman since last meeting of the Board		$2500
Cash in the Treasury	$6800.00	
Warrants not presented	861.18	
		5938.82

Whereupon warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

P Aymar City Collr 1 Qr to 5 Decr	164.00
Stollenwerck & Brother Gold Box Genl Macomb	250.00
Commercial Advertizer Advertis & 6 mo Subn	83.00
P Becannon Inspr Bd 1 Qr to 10th Inst	100.00
J A Hardenbrook candles for Hall & Watch Hos	36.51
A Woodward Asst City Inspr to 15 Decr	62.50
J Macomb contingt charges Dinner 25 Novr	46.82
Hathaway & Marsh reprs to Batty by ord Come	120.75
E Richards award ground taken to open 3d Ave	74.00
E Jennings Supdt Lamps to 11th Inst	488.22
R Dodge Reprs to Lamps to 11 Novr	258.55
U Freeman City surveyr Maps &c by orr St Comsr	171.00
I Halsey balc due regulas Walnut St	60.00
J G Bogert rent Ground Watch House Grand St to Novr	10.00
James Richardson reprs to Wells	23.80
Simon Vn Antwerp Inclenburgh Bond & Int	377.56
R Furman on acct Alms Ho & Bridewell	2500.00
James Mockrie 247 Monuments	988.00
	5814.64
Balc	124.17

[45] In Common Council Decr 22d 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorrillard	
Thomas R Smith		Anthony L Underhill	
William Few		Elisha W King	
Reuben Munson		Gideon Tucker	
		Asa Mann	
		Noah Brown	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had called the Common Council together at the request of the Committee of Defence who were prepared to report upon the subject committed to them at the last meeting of the Board

Aldern Mesier from the said Committee presented a Report, when after some discussion it was agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof until tomorrow when the Common Council would assemble for the purpose of considering and determining upon the same

The Committee on the Petition of the French benevolent Society presented a report the consideration of which was postponed

The Board adjourned to meet in the Comn Council chamber tomorrow morning 10 oclock,

[46] In Common Council Dec^{r} 23^{d} 1814

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Anthony L Underhill	
Tho^{s} R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
Isaac S Douglass		Daniel E Tylee	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
William Few		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	

The Board having met agreably to adjournment. The Report of the Committee of Defence presented at the meeting of yesterday was called up and being read was in the words following

The Committee of Defence to whom was refered the proposition relative to aiding his Excellency the Governor in obtaining a Loan to pay off the Militia Report

That they have had an interview with his Excellency, who after fully explaining the necessity of some provision being promptly made, and pointing out the various objects to which the money was to be applied, submitted the following propositions being the best he was authorized to make

[47] 1. That he will deposit with the Corporation four hundred forty thousand Dollars in Treasury notes as a security for four hundred thousand in cash to be borrowed of the Banks in this City, who it is understood are willing to loan the same to the Corporation

2. The loan, if for ninety days to be at 6 per cent per annum, if for a longer time or until the Treasury notes become due, then at 7 per cent from the advance

3. The Governor pledges himself to use his endeavours to procure an act of the Legislature at their next Session fully to indemnify the Corporation against any loss which may be eventually sustained by depreciation or otherwise; and entertains no doubt but such a Law will be passed

On the above propositions your Committee beg leave to remark in their opinion it is of the utmost importance the Militia should be paid. The distress which exists & the clamours which are raised by these dissatisfied men must be attended to, and if practicable their dues ought speedily to be paid in relief of their necessities. Should their demands remain longer unsatisfied, or should their dependance on this Corporation, which from the first call on them has been uniformly

relied on, now prove abortive, our City if unfortunately another alarming crisis occurs, may perhaps in such an event then call in vain. They may when danger again threatens object with considerable force [48] and if coerced to arm in our defence, a recollection of what they may deem a breach of promise, will constrain them from rendering that cheerful and efficient aid which we have so recently and justly applauded

Your Committee will not urge that the Corporation is under any honorary obligation to assist in paying the militia, For a considerable number it is well known a regular stipulation was made with the Secretary of War, & from the best recollection your Committee are able to make, as also from the History given by His Excellency the Governor of this transaction, entered into at a period of alarm and confusion they are inclined to presume that the then Commander in Chief would not have taken upon himself the responsibility, or his Excellency have so immediately complied with His requisition for so large a body, if a request to call them in service had not proceeded in some respect either from the Board itself or from its then Committee of defence. Under this impression therefore together with other considerations your Committee have predicated the contemplated arrangement on a calculation exclusively for the pay of the Militia and disbursements incidental to their service viz $320000 for their pay $20000 for the Quartermasters Department expended for their accommodation $20000 for the Contractor for rations issued to them $20000 to the Commissary [49] of purchases on their account, and $20000 for other contingent charges. Your Committee feel confident every possible exertion has been made, & are proud to find that the munificent spirit displayed has exalted the reputation of this City and inspired a confidence in the Citizens which may be productive of incalculable benefit. The patriotic exertions of last Summer may prove the salvation of every thing sacred and valuable. The effect produced on the Enemy may teach him discretion, & perhaps hold in check his hostile designs yet another campaign. Our own Administration also do highly approve the liberality of this Board, and if these propositions, which your Committee consider as proceeding in fact from them, are moreover complied with, they will undoubtedly in consideration thereof exercise such generosity in return as will essentially facilitate the settling the heavy account already created, and expedite their measures to remunerate you in the best possible manner. It therefore is important this favorable sentiment should be cherished, least the reputation and credit acquired by what is already done should be lost or perhaps tarnished by hesitating to advance a little further.

Your Committee whould not presume to recommend your acceding to the above propositions did they concieve there existed any inconvenience on the score of procuring [50] the money, or the least doubt as to the security offered by the Governor. If unhappily the affairs of our Country should continue so unpropitious as yet further to depreciate its paper and thus render the deposit he proposes inadequate; still the assurances he has given of procuring an act of indemnity from this state ought to remove every suspicion. your Committee repose the utmost confidence in His Excellency's promise in this respect, and would be willing to rest the security of being remunerated exclusively on the known influence he possesses with the present Legislature. The loans made by your Committee of defence to him last Summer on a similar promise have been faithfully paid. The subject then occupied his earliest communications, and the requisite law in pursuance of his promise was promptly passed. They therefore now feel convinced a similar attention will characterize his conduct at the next Session and that a full and perfect guarantee will be given to this Board among the first acts of the Legislature

all which is respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) Peter Mesier
Tho^{s} R Smith
J Mapes
Gideon Tucker

Alder^{n} Smith then moved that the report of the Committee be accepted and that the Loan be made by the Corporation in the mode and upon [51] the terms therein expressed—M^{r} Jones moved as an amendment that the report be accepted on the following conditions viz "provided and on condition that the Corporation be at liberty and have full right and power to sell the said Treasury notes at any time after the expiration of months for the reimbursement of the said Four hundred thousand Dollars and interest in case the same be not repaid within that time by the United States or assumed by this State and the Corporation exonerated and discharged therefrom; Provided at least thirty days notice of such sale is first given to the Treasury Department stating the notes and places where deposited" The question being taken thereon it passed unanimously in the affirmative—M^{r} Jones then moved that the blank be filled up with "Ninety days" Alderman Smith moved that it be filled up with the words "Six months" The question being taken upon Alder^{n} Smiths motion it was carried in the affirmative

[53*] In Common Council Dec^{r} 26 1814

Present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker
Isaac S Douglass		Daniel E Tylee
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann
Reuben Munson		Wm A Hardenbrook
		Noah Brown

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meetings were read and approved

A Petition of Jonas Humbert praying remission of penalty incurred for selling bread under weight prescribed by law was read and referred to the Inspector M^{r} Summers

A Petition of William Vandevoort to be appointed a City Weigher was read and granted

A Petition of George Hutton for a Butchers Stand in Catharine Market & from Charles Meyer and Thomas M^{c}Cready for Stands in Washington Market were read & refered to the Market Committee

[54] A Petition from Samuel Kip for relief from penalty incurred under Dog Law was read & Resolved Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

Petition of John C Bogert & John Crouter for appointment of Wood Inspector were read & refered to the Committee on applications

A petition was received from Peter G Stuyvesant, stating that the Corporation made application to the Supreme Court for opening that part of 13th Street between Union place and Stuyvesant Street—That Commissioners were agreably to law appointed and made their report to the Supreme Court. which report was confirmed, that Petitioner has discovered that all the premises required for opening said Street have not been assessed by the Commissioners, but some were omitted, rendering in Petitioners opinion the proceedings void—that a Warrant has been issued to recover from him the sum assessed as the benefit and advantage accruing to him from opening said Street and requesting under the circumstances of the case a stay of proceedings thereon

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

Whereupon Resolved that the same be refered to the Council and Street Commissioner to report thereon and that until further order, all proceedings be staid

[55] The Chief Engineer presented the following Report which was ordered to be filed and the usual number to be printed

The Chf Engr respectfully reports

That he has completed his annual visitation throughout the Fire Department, and has carefully inspected every branch thereof; and herewith presents a general return, which shews the present condition thereof with the names of the Engineers, the Foremen and Firemen belonging to the respective Companies with their places of abode, occupation &c as well as the places of deposit of the different fire machines

He also further reports, that during the year (agreably to direction of the Board) five Engines of 6½ inch calliber with the necessary apparatus thereto have been procured as has also a new Truck for the Hook & Ladder Company at Greenwich

By order of the Committee of the Fire Department Engines Nos 20 & 23 have been sold the former for $400 & the money paid to the Treasurer & the latter for $600 at a credit of 6 months for which have received a note from the President of the Pleasant Valley Manufacturing Co and handed the same to the Comptroller.

As the Fire Department establishment forms an important item in the property belonging to the Corporation, at foot will be seen an estimated value thereof, which its presumed will be acceptable to the Board

[56] Permanent situations are yet wanted for Engines Nos 9: 24: 3 & Hook & Ladder Compy No 1

Estimated value of Fire Depmt Establishment

15 Brick buildings	$5250.00
32 wood Do	4800.00
2 Lots ground (one whole one part of a lot) Cost	1600.00
41 Engines	26200.00
Floating Engine & boat	1400.00
4 old Engines not in use	750.00
13085 feet leather hose	8548.00
1000 Fire buckets	1500.00
4 Trucks 15 Ladders 20 Fire Hooks &c	1200.00
Signal Lanthorns Torches Axes &c	150.00
Drag ropes	70.00
Stoves & pipes	150.00
Hose Waggon	175.00

1 Copper pump	$30.00
20 Loads nut Wood	90.00
	$51913.00

respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] Franklin Chf Eng[r]

A Petition from C J Bogert was received praying further time for filling in a Lot, ordered to be filled by an Ordinance, & that a suit against him thereon might be stayed—ordered that upon payment of costs 30 days be given to comply with the ordinance

The following Letter was received from His Excell[y] Governor Tompkins

Sir

On Monday next the Command of this [57] District will devolve on Brigadier Gen[l] Boyd in consequence of my temporary absence

I cannot Sir leave this City, without expressing my acknowledgment of the liberality, and patriotism of the Corporation, of the Committee of defence, and of the Citizens of New York, as regards the defence of this important frontier, and of the attention, confidence, and support with which I have been honored during my command

I pray you, Sir, to convey this acknowledgement to the respectable Body over which you preside, and to accept for yourself the assurance of my consideration

(Sig[d]) Daniel D Tompkins

The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Hose Comp[y] N° 1 reported that they have taken into consideration said petition and are of opinion that the petitioners ought to be placed on the same footing with other Firemen by having the priviledge of electing their own officers, and that the Chief Engineer be instructed to carry the same into effect

(Sig[d]) Peter M[c]Cartee
Daniel E Tylee

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented a report of considerable length on the subject of the money Bills heretofore and which may be hereafter issued on the faith [58] of the Corporation recommending that a fund be established for their redemption and that to create that fund the amount of said Bills when issued should be invested in some species of stock which might hereafter be disposed of for their redemption when called in—Whereupon it was resolved that the principle of said

report be adopted and that funds will be established for the final redemption of those money Bills—And it was refered to the Finance Committee & Comptroller to report a plan for carrying the principle of said report into effect

The Superintendant of repairs presented a communication recommending the removal of the Horse Market from the place at present occupied for that purpose—which was refered to the Committee on Streets.

The resignations of Captn Asa Holden & Nicholas Lawrence as captain of the City Watch of the first District were read and accepted

The Comptroller represented to the Board that in consequence of some mistake which occurred at the time of selling and leasing the Common Lands in the Year 1805 the Lot No 192 was charged both to the late Mr Dunscomb and Mr John Wilkes each of whom has paid the quit rent for the Lot in part—Mr Wilkes having the deed & Mr Dunscomb being in possession—it is important that the mistake be corrected in a manner satisfactory to all parties, which will probably be best [59] effected by appointing a Committee to confer with Mr Wilkes & the Heirs of the late Mr Dunscomb

Submitted &c

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein

Aldern Mesier presented the following

Resolved that the following persons be removed from the Offices they respectively hold—viz William Peters asst to Captn Lawrences Watch Benjn Hicks Assistant to the City Inspector—and Samuel Green Deputy Street Commissioner—The Question being taken on each separately it was carried in the Affirmative

The Board then proceeded to fill the several vacancies occasioned by the said resignations and removals when the following persons were chosen

Matthew Mandeville Captn 1st Distct	vice A. Holden resd
Charles Dobbs Do Do	" N Lawrence Do
John Atwood asst to Capn Watch	vice Mandeville promotd
Daniel Lane Do	" Wm Peters removd
Jacob Tallman Asst City Inspr	" B Hicks Do
Henry W Peckwell Depy St Comsr	" S Green Do

Resolved that a further emission of Money Bills be made under direction of the Finance Committee to a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand Dollars—The Finance Committee having recommended to the

Common Council John Pintard & Thomas Franklin as signers for said Bills—Resolved that authority be given to said John Pintard & Thomas Franklin [60] to sign the same

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder N° 3

James Martine, Grocer, C^r Hudson & Vandam S^t 8^th W^d
Vice Francis L Forest res^d

Hook & Ladder N° 4

Mason Seely, Gent^n 35 Second St 1^st W^d vice W^m Davison D°

F Eng Comp^y N° 5

Peter Guion Grocer 38 Oak St 4^th W^d vice J D Everingham D°

F E Comp^y N° 8

Thomas Morgan Brewer 54 Augustus St 6 W^d
vice George Lindsey remov^d

F E Comp^y N° 13

Stephen Louis, Mercht 172 Water S^t 2^d W^d vice John Ull res^d
Nehemiah Areson Acct^nt 192 Water St 2^d D°
vice Austin G Reynolds absent

F Eng Comp^y N° 21

John Mitchell Watch maker 247 Pearl St 2^d W^d
vice John Bedient res^d
James Dougherty, Currier 34 George St 4^th W^d
vice David Loring gone

F Eng Comp^y N° 24

William Hampton Grocer C^r Church & Duane St 5 W^d
vice Ja^s Baxter Deceas^d

F Eng Comp^y N° 25

Tho^s Swanny Manha^n Works 7 Reed S^t 5 W^d
vice M^r Moore Decea^d
Sam^l Seaman Grocer C^r B^d way & Chamber S^t 5 W^d
vice Dan^l Brown D°
Wakeman Burritt Mercht C^r W^m & Beekman St 2^d W^d
vice A W Hardenbrook res^d
Stephen Brown Grocer C^r Chapple & Warren St 5^th W^d
vice Josiah Purdy D°
Fred^c D Bleecker Silver Smith 40 Reed St 5^th W^d
vice Cha^s Cromwell D°

Wm Primrose Cartman 90 First St 10th Wd
vice Solomon Griffen resd
Dennis S Kelly Grocer 20 Henry 7th Wd vice Wm F Mott Do
Isaac Ball Junr Work arsenal 98 Chamber 5th Wd Abm Alstine Do

F Engn Compy No 28

John Welch Weaver Mulberry St 8th Wd
John Morris Cordwainer Elm St 8 Wd
John Edwards Scale Beam Maker Green St 8th Wd
Joseph Underhill Cordwainer Lawrence St 8th Wd
to complete the No for the New Engine
22 Men

[61] F Engn Compy No 31

George Sutton, Carpenter 183 Church St 5 Wd
vice Eden H Glean resgd

F Engn Compy No 32

Daniel Slocum Grocer Cr Hester & 2d St 10th Wd
vice Adam Hortell Do

F Engn Compy No 33

David Morrison Carpenter Water St 7th Wd
vice Stephen Minard removd

F Engn Compy No 35

James Gilbert, Cartman Hudson St 8 Wd vice David Fowler
Henry R Lord Mercht Water St 5 Wd vice Garrit Smith enlisted

F Eng Compy No 37

Henry Owens Butcher 3d Nr Stanton St 10 Wd
vice John Miller Do
Patrick Clindening 3d Nr Rivington St 10 Wd
vice Wm Garrison Do

F Engn Compy No 39

Daniel Hasbrook Acct Cr John & Pearl 2d Wd
vice Gilbert B Mott resgd
Benjn Talbott Acct 103 Front St 1 Wd
vice Jacob Stoutenburgh Do
Abm Roblin Tavernkeeper 77 Vesey St 3d Wd
Phillip F Quereau Do

F Engᵉ Compʸ Nº 41

Soloman H Marsh Ship Carpenʳ Nº 13 Suffolk Sᵗ 10 Wᵈ
vice Thoˢ Wallace resᵍᵈ

Jonothan Baker Cartman—Attorney Sᵗ nʳ Rivᵉʳ 10 Wᵈ
vice Jaˢ Stockhoun Dº

The Comptroller reported

Acctˢ paid since last Meeting of the Board

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White Dº	623.00
Holden & Lawrence Dº	474.25
Hedden & Angevine Dº	194.00
Van Dyck & Willis Dº	145.50
R Furman Supᵈᵗ Alms House	5000.00
Alderⁿ Douglass for J D la Cola by order of Bᵈ 12ᵗʰ	140.00
P & E Dobbs acct Bulk Head & Piers Brooklyn	1500.00
	$8771.50

Which were agreed to

[62] He further reported

Cash in the Treasury	$9288.87
Warrants not presented	501.68
	$8787.19

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts.

John Stanford by order of Comⁿ Council Decʳ 5ᵗʰ	250.00
J Jarvis Portrait Comʳ Bainbridge on acct	250.00
Tennis & Snowden for printing Sunday Laws	12.00
James Wallace Supᵈᵗ Repairs	
A B Holmes St Inpʳ in full	10.00
John Van Tuyl for copying 9ᵗʰ Wᵈ Asstˢ Book	10.00
J Wallace Supᵈᵗ repairs to 5ᵗʰ Decʳ	300.00
J Hays & others for bringing vagrants to Bridewell certifᵈ by Police Ofʳ	75.31
H Andrews for furniture acct for Court Room	14.50
P A Mesier paper for Corporation Tickets	471.80
P B Cruger rent of yard for Engines from 1 May to 1 Novʳ	52.50
T Franklin for wood for the Engines under direcⁿ Fire Comᵉᵉ	121.50
M Minthorne an award for property for 1ˢᵗ avenue	491.96
J Adriane " " to consistory Dutch Church at 3ᵈ aven	149.00
Dº " " " Heirs John Sickles property Dº	406.21
The St Comsʳ to pay expensᵉ openᵍ 3ᵈ avenue	397.64
S Meyers for ground taken for 3ᵈ avenue	140.00
A Wright & S Allen amᵗ [a]ward taking ground for 3ᵈ avenue	145.64

A Smyth on acct of Sullivan St	200.00
J Bailey repairs to in[ter]sections of Streets	24.37
George Bowman for sundry Streets	204.58
T & G Lovett on Acct of a Drain in Canal St	800.00
James Wallace	500.00
Mrs Woolsey for Bond & Int given to her Husband 26 Decr 1814	2819.65
	$7846.66
Balc	$940.53

[63] In Common Council Janr 6th 1815

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Junr
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence	Anthony L Underhill
Peter McCartee	Elish W King
Thomas R Smith	Gideon Tucker
Isaac S Douglass	Asa Mann
George Buckmaster	Arthur Burtis
Nicholas Fish	Wm A Hardenbrook

His Honor the Mayor stated that having received information that Comre Macdonough had arrived in this City but that he was immediately to take his departure for Lake Champlain he had presumed it would be agreable to the Common Council to avail themselves of this opportunity of the Commodore's presence in the City to confer upon him those municipal honors which had been voted to him, and he had therefore summoned them together

The Common Council having been informed that Comr Macdonough was in waiting, a committee consisting of Alden Mapes & Mr Brown were appointed to introduce him to the Common Council—Upon the Commodore's being presented to the Mayor he addressed him as follows

[64] When our Northern Frontier was invaded by a powerful Army—When the Heroes, who have immortalized themselves on the Niagara, were pressed by a superior force—when the Capitol of the United States was overrun by hostile bands—When the most important City of the South was attacked by the Enemy and when he threatened to lay waste our maratime Towns with fire & sword—At

a period so inauspicious and gloomy, when all but those who fully understand & duly appreciate the firmness and resources of the American character, began to despair of the Republic, you were the first who changed the fortune of our arms & who dispelled the dark cloud that hung over our Country. With a force greatly inferior, you met the Enemy, vaunting of his superior strength and confident of victory—you crushed his proud expectations—you conquered him; and the embattled hosts, which were ready to penetrate into the heart of our Country, fled in dismay & confusion. In discharging the great duties, which you owed to America you did not forget in that trying hour, the source of all power & all good: You appealed to that being, in whose hands are the issues of life and the fate of Nations—and you completed the glory of the patriot by exhibiting the christian hero

As long as illustrious events shall be embodied in History, so long will the victory on Lake Champlain, obtained under your auspices, command the respect of mankind; and when you and all who hear me shall be numbered among the dead, those who succed us to the most extended line [65] of remote posterity will cherish with exaltation those great achievements which are indissolubly connected with the prosperity and glory of America

The Mayor then administered to him the freemans oath and presented him the certificates of freedom elegantly ornamented with suitable devices and a golden Box with an appropriate Inscription engraven upon it

The Commodore then replied as follows

Sir

With mingled feelings of gratitude and pleasure I receive the honors you have been pleased to confer on me; The Title of a freeman of this City distinguished as much for its high national character as for its commercial eminence will be borne with peculiar pride and satisfaction

The Commodore then withdrew

[66] In Common Council Jan^{y} 9th 1815

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Asa Mann	
Isaac S Douglass		Arthur Burtis	
George Buckmaster		Noah Brown	
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A petition of sundry Inhabitants of Vesey St complaining of the inconveniences sustained by the Inhabitants by the holding of auctions in said Street was read & refered to Alder^{n} Mesier Lawrence Buckmaster

A Petition of Peter Crawbuck for Stall N^{o} 57 Fly market was read & refered to the market Committee

A Petition of Isaac Keeler commanding the guard at the state arsenal requesting a Lamp might be placed there, was refered [67] to the lamp Committee

A Petition for a Well in Division Street between Catharine & First Street was refered to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Jacob Bolmore complaining of being improperly removed as a Fireman from Fire Engine Company N^{o} 2 was read & refered to the Chief Engineer.

A Petition of Sebastian Noth praying relief was read & refered to the Committee of Charity.

*A Petition was received from Patrick Walsh & Mary Walsh—stating that James Walsh in October 1809 died intestate—That Whitehead Fish Chamberlain of the City agreably to Law administered on said Estate that a balance of $177.03. of said Estate remained in his hands which was paid into the City Treasury—That Petitioners were the Heirs of said James Walsh & praying said Ballance may be paid over to them—Ordered that the same be refered to the Council & Chamberlain with authority to report a Warrant if upon investigation the same shall appear proper

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that an efficient Bridge may be built over [68] Canal Street at the intersection of Varrick

* Marginal note reads *115.*—Ed.

Street was read and refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to direct said Bridge to be built if in his opinion necessary

The Finance Committee were discharged from the further consideration of the Petition of Michael Songue and the same was refered to Alder[n] Smith Alder[n] Mapes M[r] Jones

The City Inspector presented to the Common Council the Annual Report of Interments in this City commencing with the first day of January 1814 and ending on the 31[st] day of December in same Year shewing also the ages of the persons and the diseases of which they died—He begs leave to add that from the industry & attention of his Deputy M[r] Woodward he has been enabled to lay this report before the Common Council at this early day

Abstract

Adults	Men	593
	Women	523
children	Boys	469
	Girls	389
		1974 Total

(Sig[d]) J Morton City Insp[r]

He also reported ordinances for correction of nuisances on the premises of the following persons

[69) Alexander Phœnix	3 Lots	Little Water St			
Jn[o] C Teale	nuisance	140	Chapple St		
James Mead	D[o]	35	Leonard "		
Tho[s] Griffin owner Isaac Tuckerman Occt	D[o]	7	Jews Alley		
John B Murray Ow[r] Lewis Francis. Occt	D[o]	38	Chapple St		
Stephen Baxter Ow[r] Obadiah Frost Occt	D[o]	98	Chapple St		
Stephen Baxter Ow[r] Samuel Wynans Occt	D[o]	96	D[o]	D[o]	
Stephen Baxter Ow[r] Tho[s] Wynant Occt	D[o]	98	D[o]	D[o]	
Stephen Baxter Ow[r] Increase Green Occt	D[o]	100	D[o]	D[o]	
Little Ow[r]	Lot	Lewis	St		
George Moore "	"	D[o]	"		
Peter M[c]Cullum	"	D[o]	"		
William Anderson	"	D[o]	"		

William M Summers to whom was refered the Petition of Jonas Humbert reported That on the 15 day of December last from information given I went to the Bake House of the aforesaid Jonas Humbert and found all his bread short of weight except two or three Loaves out of his Light bread I seized 37 loaves that wanted from 2 to 3 ounces each loafe The remainder wanting one ounce I concluded to leave cautioning his people not to do the like again or I would seize it. During the performance of my duty I sent for Mr Humbert [70] who was up stairs that I might inform him of what I was doing but he refused to come down I then procured people at the Alms House to take the bread, On my return for the same, I was informed they had sold it, therefore the ignorant Citizens were wronged of their just due I enquired for Mr Humbert whom I saw up stairs I asked him for the bread I had seized he denied giving it to me. I asked him to pay me for it, that he likewise declined saying he would petition the Corporation for relief. I then left him, The next day I reported the bread and Fine to the Attorney of the Board.

I am therefore of opinion that the said Jonas ought not to have any favor confered on him [by] the Corporation

(Sigd) William M Summers

N B his selling his bread at 11 cents per loaf the public is induced to believe they save one cent on each loaf, whereby from the shortness of weight they loose two

Which was approved

The Council informed the Board that the report of Estimate and Assessment made by the Commissioners who were appointed by the Supreme Court to perform certain duties relative to the enlarging and improving of Pearl Street Stone Street and the Street leading from William Street to the old Slip in this City has been confirmed by the Supreme Court at the present January term

As the awards for damages must be paid by the [71] Board within a short period the council respectfully submits to the Board the propriety of appointing a proper person to collect the assessments for benefits to meet such payment

(Sigd) D S Jones.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on sundry assessments for opening [&] regulating several Streets & avenues and for wells & pumps, in order that they may be proceeded against as the law directs Ordered that the steps prescribed by law for obtaining payment of the same be pursued

He also presented an assessment for regulating Sullivan St from Canal St to the old ditch & for furnishing and setting curb stones which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented an assessment of the surplus damages for opening First Avenue from North to Tenth Street and an assessment of the surplus damages for enlarging a part of Murray St both having been advertized and no objections made thereto—Whereupon the same were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector in each

The Chief Engineer presented a return of Firemen the consideration of which was postponed and it was refered to the Committee on the Fire Department to consider & report how far it [72] would be expedient to confine in future the appointment of Firemen to such persons as were by age religious profession or otherwise exempt from Militia duty

The Market Committee on the petition of Walter Dubrow reported. That in their opinion he ought to receive a grant of Stall N° 19 Catharine Market, on condition that the arrangement entered into between him and the widow of M^{r} Smith the former occupant, be, during her interest in said stall, duly observed

(Sig^{d}) Peter Mesier
Peter M^{c}Cartee
Noah Brown
A H Lawrence

Which was approved

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of the French benevolent Society was called up & being read was as follows

The Committee of charity to whom was refered the Petition of the French benevolent Society, report that in their opinion a small sum of money could not be more judiciously appropriated and therefore recommend that the comptroller be authorized to issue a Warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Society for Two hundred and fifty Dollars

(Sig^{d}) J Mapes
Asa Mann
Noah Brown
Peter Mesier

[73] which was agreed to. & the Comptroller was directed to issue a warrant accordingly

The Committee on Assessments reported that they had received from the Street Commissioner a list of delinquent Collectors with

the names of their Sureties whch they recommended should be sent to the Council with instructions that he should write to the Collectors for payment and make enquiries respecting the solvency of the defaulters and to report what may be deemed useful thereon, at the next meeting—which was agreed to

They also stated that they had received information that indulgencies as to time of payment upon assessments had been frequently given by the board to tenants of Lots and they recommended that the opinion of the Council should be taken how far those indulgencies affected the lien given by law upon the Lots; which was agreed to & refered to the Council

Alder^{n} M^{c}Cartee from the Committee on the Fire Department presented a Resolution from St Stephens Church respecting the grant of a lot of land to erect an Engine House which was refered to the Council to procure the same to be duly authenticated

Resolved that Alder^{n} Few & M^{r} Lorillard [74] be in the places of Alder^{n} Wendover & M^{r} Nitchie on the Committee for examining the Plan for regulating Greenwich Village

Committee now are Ald^{n} Few Smith M^{r} Lorillard

Resolved that it be refered to the Committee on the Fire Department to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law all Vessels while laying at the Slips or at the Docks of the City loaded with Hay from having or keeping Fire on board said Vessels

Resolved that it be refered to the Council to consider & report what amendments may be necessary to be made to the laws of this State respecting this City or what new laws the welfare of the City may require to be passed at the approaching Session of the Legislature

The following Letter was received from the Comptroller

The Comptroller has the satisfaction to enclose a letter from Col^{n} Post Quartermaster General of this District—from which it appears that the President of the U S has duly ratified the arrangement made at Washington between Major Fairlie & Myself on the part of the Corporation & Gen^{l} Armstrong then Secretary of war It will be recollected that the Buildings on the property are to be valued—it may therefore become [75] necessary for the Common Council to appoint an agent to act on their part, & as M^{r} Fairlie is perfectly conversant with the subject it might be advisable to select him for that purpose—M^{r} Macomb might afford him useful information & could act with him

respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein Comp^{r}

Letter from Mr Post

Qr Mr Genl Office 3rd D.

Sir N York 2 Jany 1815

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Honl the Secretary for the War Department has transmitted to me the documents relative to an exchange of the U S property near the Battery for a Tract of land at the Narrows on Long Island; made conformably to an agreement between General Armstrong & the Corporation of this City

When these papers & my instructions shall have been duly examined I shall have the honor to immediately advise you of it, that no unnecessary delay may occur in effecting the transfer of the title to the Corporation

I am Sir &c

(Sigd) Justus Post Qr Mr Genl

Thos R Mercein Esqr

Whereupon Resolved that James Fairlie Esqr be appointed agent on the part of this Corporation and it was refered to the Council to see that the Deeds were regularly executed

The Comptroller reported

[76] Cash paid since last Meeting

Aldern McCartee ground from St Stephen's Church fr Eng Ho.....	200.00
Hays & Bogert Watch.....	694.75
Farrington & Brown Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	476.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
S Green St Inspr to 1 Jany 1815.....	54.00
B Hicks Asst City Inspr Do "	62.00
	$2447.75

which were agreed to

He further reported

Cash in the Treasury.....	$13919.37
Warrants not presented.....	363.58
	$13555.79

Whereupon Warrents were ordered to issue for paymt of the following

E Jennings Supdt Lamps.....	469.43
A Stagg on acct pavg Prince St.....	100.00
S Ludlum sundry surveys fr May 1814 to Jany 1815.....	328.45
Bridges & Poppleton surveying.....	93.75
Jno Vanderbilt Jr commisr Sellg Corpn Lots.....	57.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potter's field.....	46.50

H Brush repr[s] to Wells & Pumps	46.50
Ja[s] Richardson cleaning Wells	45.56
Stolenwerck & Brothers Gold Box Gen[l] Brown	265.00
Martling & Cozzens Dinner Com McDonough	198.00
A Furman Supdt alms House	6000.00
J W Jarvis for Com[r] Bainbridge Picture in full	250.00
J Pintard for Redemption of small Bills canvass[d] by the Committee	2721.57
	$11059.26
Bal[c]	$2496.53

[77] The Comptroller presented the following Report of the receipts & expenditures of the Corporation of the Year 1814 which was ordered to be printed under direction of the Finance Committee

The Comptroller has the honor to present herewith an account of Corporation receipts and expenditures for the Year ending 31 Dec[r] 1814 also an exhibit of the Commissioners of the sinking fund, shewing the several sums which have been passed to their credit and their application of the same in conformity with an Ordinance of the Common Council

Both the Receipts & expenditures of the City and County may be divided into ordinary & extra-ordinary of the latter the following constitute the principal items for the last year

New Alms House & Penitentiary Bellevue	79000.00
purchase 2 farms at N Utrecht L I. granted to the U S in exchange for their interest in the public Grounds near the Battery	19335.00
2[d] Install[mt] on Bonds given in 1808 for Inclenburgh Lots reconvey[d] to Corporation	6400.00
Extra appropriations for building Docks & Slips principally for the accomodation of Steam Ferry Boats	20000.00
Balance due for Gun Boats employed in the defence of the Harbour, fall of 1813	3346.35
To complete New City Hall	2000.00
D[o] D[o] Washington Market	5500.00
Total	$135581.35

during the same period there has been received [77A] from extra sources as follows

Corporation Bills of credit	$48499.70
Proceeds Sale 800 Shares Manhat[n] Bank Stock	46064.06
Bond Mechanics Bank for amt paid for Ground on L Is[d] for the U S	18750.00
Bond to Do toward completing the Establishment at Bellevue	50000.00
	$163313.76

From the above it appears that the ordinary recepts of the current year have been nearly sufficient to cover the ordinary expenditures altho the expenses of the most onerous establishments (Alms House) have been considerably in consequence of the enhanced price of almost every necessary of life and the additional number (who in consequence of the Times) have been compelled to seek a refuge there—it may also be proper to add that the proceeds of the City's proportion of fees for sales at auction have experienced a diminution of 20000 Dollars for the last Year—The remaining charges have only increased with the growth of the City and the expenses of lighting the City for the last year has been diminished nearly 10000 Dollars in consequence of the rigid œconomy & prudent measures introduced into that Department. It is calculated that the sales of the property now owned by the Corporation near the Battery will be amply sufficient to repay the Bonds given to the Mechanics Bank and the interest thereon (exclusive of the first cost) which lessened the repugnance (which so justly exists) of borrowing large Sums; altho it never was supposed that the extensive buildings now erecting at Bellevue (which have already cost $320000) could be effected without other [77B] aid than that Derived from the ordinary sources of City Revenue—The present situation of our Country rendering it inexpedient either to attempt the sale of public property or to raise a larger sum by tax it will be prudent to withhold all extra expenditures for the ensuing Year unless of a very peculiar and pressing nature

(Sig^{d}) Thos R Mercein City Comp^{r}

1814

CITY & COUNTY OF N YORK

Account of Cash Received and Paid from 31 Decr 1813 to 31 Decr 1814

Paid	for Alms House & Bridewell	87700	00	Balance in the Treasury 31 Decr 1813	15580 28
"	N Alms Ho. & Penitentiary Bellvue	79000	00	Received, for balo of Tax of 1813	107515 75
"	County Contingencies	52469	61	Do proceeds of Tax of 1814	57937 82
"	City Watch	55392	25	" City propornl duties Sales auction	33336 83
"	Fire Engn Department	8290	52	" Excise	2250 00
"	Commissioners of Roads	5259	81	" First Avenue	1427 46
"	Repairs to Do	3777	05	" Third Do	3861 34
"	Wells & Pumps	1415	39	" Proceed Tax on Dogs	235 30
"	Balo reprs to Streets	174	88	" Rent Docks & Slips	15025 00
"	Lamps & Lighting the City	21208	50	" Ground Rent	12689 29
"	Signal Poles at Staten Island	82	50	" Water Lot rent on Grants since 1804	5175 30
"	Interest on City Stock	31500	00	" Mayoralty fees exclusive Sunr Contst Charges	569 62
"	Police Department	5015	04	" Corporation Bills of credit	48499 70
"	Washington Market in full	5500	00	" Bonds payla]ble to Mechanics Bank for property at N Utrecht in exchange for that procured of U S. near the Battery	18750 00
"	New City Hall in full	2000	00		
"	Board of Health	708	00		
"	Gun boats empd fall 1813 on acct	3346	55		
"	Reps to & buildg new Docks & Slips	29805	59		
"	Comn Lands princl Inclenburgh reconvd	7033	66	" Bonds—Amt bord towards the completion Bellevue Establishmt	50000 00
"	Canal Street	1400	00		
"	Sufferers on Westn fronteir	3000	00	" Sales of 800 Shares Manhat. Stock	46064 00
"	Balance Interest account	436	29	" Street Manure	5819 00
"	Govt Ho property bot of U S	19335	00	" Rent of Ferries	5680 73
"	Hamilton Square Lots returd	676	70	" Tavern Licenses	4250 00
"	Collect	903	07		
"	Repairs to Public buildings	7248	73		
"	Balance hands W Fish Treasr	11995	54		
		$444675	48		$444675 48

N York Janr 1st 1815

[78] In Common Council January 23d 1815

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Augustine H Lawrence	Jacob Lorillard
Peter. McCartee	Anthony L Underhill
Thomas R Smith	Daniel E Tylee
Isaac S Douglass	Asa Mann
William Few	Arthur Burtis
Reuben Munson	Wm A Hardenbrook
	Noah Brown

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

Petitions from John Fraple for Stall No 39 in the Fly Market and from Valentine Mookle and George Stagg for Stalls in Washington Market were read and refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of Moses Coddington to be appointed Fire Warden in the 5th Ward in the place of Thos M Harvey removed from the City, was read & refered; together with the petition of Corns Crygier for the same appointment to the Committee on the Fire Department

A petition of Moses Baxter praying remission of fines incurred by not complying with an ordinance respecting a nuisance, was refered to the [79] Alderman & Assistant of 5th Ward & City Inspector with authority to remit the fine

A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 20 for an encrease of 6 men, was refered to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of James Hardie for an appointment was read & refered to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of David Bell praying to be released from a penalty incurred under the law regulating Pawn Brokers, and to be again appointed a Pawnbroker was read & Resolved that the fine incurred be *be* remitted on payment of costs, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to renew to him his license as a Pawnbroker

A Petition of Bertrand Dupoy stating that he had been greatly overrated in the Tax imposed on him & praying relief was read & refered to Aldern Smith Aldern Mapes Mr Jones.

A Petition for a Well in Chamber Street was read and refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition from Edmund Richards praying permission to remove a house standing on [80] the ground through which the 3d Avenue runs was read & refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner if in his opinion proper

A Petition of William Mooney praying further time for payment of rent due from him to the Corporation was read and refered to the Committee of Finance with authority to them to make such arrangements with M^r^ Mooney as they shall judge expedient, in the mean time all proceedings upon the judgment to be staid.

A Request was received from sundry Inhabitants to be informed if the Common Council intend to proceed in the opening of Fair Street to Pearl Street—when it was resolved, that they be informed by the Council that the Common Council mean to proceed immediately on that measure

A Representation was received from William Miller stating that much of his time was occupied in attending upon people of colour in the Alms House, Hospital, and also at Funerals for which from their poverty he received no compensation—& submitting to the Board the propriety of compensating him—Ordered that the same be refered to Alder^n^ Douglass M^r^ Mann M^r^ Underhill

An account of Jacob Hays for services rendered [81] by himself and monies paid for services rendered by peace officers in apprehending certain counterfeiters amounting to $238.37 was presented—A Warrant for $50 was issued on account of the same and the account was refered to the Finance Committee to make arrangements respecting the same

The Council in pursuance of the Resolution at the last meeting presented a Report on the subject of laws to be applied for at the next Session of the Legislature, which Report was directed to be refered to the Committee on laws and the Council

The Chief Engineer on the petition of Jacob Bolmer reported, that agreably to reference of the said Petition he has made diligent enquiry relative thereto and finds that the Petitioner has not violated the law of the Corporation relative to fire but has uniformly demeaned himself as a diligent attentive Fireman; and is of opinion that the Company have usurped an unwarranted authority in expelling him He therefore respectfully recommends that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and he be continued a member of said company

(Sig^d^) T Franklin Chf Eng^r^

which was approved

In conformity to the 22^d^ Section of the 11^th^ Chapter of the law for preventing & estinguishing Fires [82] The Chief Engineer reported—That during the last Year, there has been received & paid to the Treasurer of The Fire Department Fund as follows

For Chimney Fires	$694.50
" Violations of the law in carrying lighted candle into a stable	10.00
making in the whole	$704.50

which has been appropriated for the relief of 30 Widows of deceased Firemen, and in aiding & assisting disabled & indigent Firemen & their families, & for the educating 70 of their children

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] Franklin Chf Eng[r]

The City Inspector presented the following ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

George R Beck Owner Jn° Wessells & others Occup[ts]	nuisance	N° 12. Mulberry S[t]
Joseph O Bogert Ow[r] James Teller J[r] Occup[t]	D°	N° 363 Pearl St

The Counsel informed the Board, That the Commissioners of estimate and assessment who were appointed to enlarge and improve Pearl St. Stone St and the Street leading from william St to the old Slip have awarded to the owner of the property required for the said improvement the Sum of seventy four thousand and ninety seven Dollars; and have estimated the benefit to the property lying within half the distances to the next Streets adjoining the improvement at Sixty five thousand eight hundred & ninety [83] seven Dollars; leaving a deficiency of eight thousand two hundred dollars and the Expenses to be raised by assessment on the property lying out of the Commissioners limits. The Counsel herewith presents to the Board an ordinance for the appointment of Assessors in the premises and submits to the Board the propriety of appointing the same persons who acted as Commissioners to serve as assessors viz—Peter Hawes John Slidell and John Forbes

(Sig[d]) D S Jones

Whereupon the ordinance was passed and Peter Hawes—John Slidell & John Forbes were appointed Assessors

The Counsel reported. That he had considered the question submitted him by the Common Council at their last meeting viz Whether the granting of time & indulgence to tenants & Lesse[e]s. for payment of assessments on Lots of their Landlords will destroy or affect the lien given by law on the property assessed

By the provisions of the " Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one act " under which assessments are made, three remedies are given to the Common Council for the collection of those assessments—first by distress & sale of the

goods of the owner or occupants of the premisses assessed, secondly by action against the party assessed or the owner of the premises, & thirdly by advertisement & sale of the premises assessed—Either of these [84] remedies may be resorted to by the Common Council at their option; and the warrant of distress may be executed either upon the goods of the occupant or upon those of the Owner—But I am inclined to think that if the Common Council should elect to proceed against the Tenant and should from time to time grant him indulgence until his insolvency intervenes and if by the terms of the lease the Tenant is bound to pay the Assessments the right of the Common Council to resort to the Landlord or to the property assessed after the insolvency of the tenant may at least be seriously doubted; And altho such indulgence may not furnish a legal defence to the landlord against an action for the Assessment—I apprehend that it might be deemed sufficient to induce a Court of Equity to interpose & enjoin the proceedings against him

Independently of the above considerations I beg leave to add that the giving of indulgence in the collection of assessments is attended with various other objections, it delays the collector in the final settlement of his account and thereby not only embarrasses him in his business but also imposes upon his sureties a responsibility lengthened perhaps much beyond their original anticipation, it increases the risk of the insolvency of the Collector and his sureties before the final completion of the collection—and it exposes the Board to the chance of loosing the Assessment altogether, as it has already in some instances [85] happened that the collection being delayed the assessment has been forgotten for years

For these reasons I am induced to believe that delays or indulgencies in these cases ought rarely to be granted; And the beneficial result from a pretty uniform refusal on the part of the Board to interfere in these matters is apparent: as probably at no time have there been so few uncollected assessments as at the present period, notwithstanding the pressure of the times

I am aware that I have gone beyond the limits prescribed by my duty in giving this opinion—but I pray that my solicitude in what seems to me a concern of the first moment to the pecuniary interest of the Corporation may be accepted as an apology

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating *for regulating* Watts Street & setting Curb Stone therein from Sulli-

van St to 200 feet east of Varrick St which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented an assessment for regulating Varrick Street from Broome to Laight Street & for setting Curb Stone therein from Canal to Broome Street which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well in Division Street between the Bowery & First Street which was passed & Wm Stilwell Ezekiel Bishop & Charles Stewart were appointed Assessors

[86] The Street Commissioner on the petition of A Saunders reported—That Mr Alexander Saunders has a house in the Bowery which has been taken in opening the 3d Avenue. Mr Saunders is willing to allow a fair price for it and to remove it by May next—and to submit to two persons to ascertain the value—for which purpose he has named Mr Christopher Halstead on his part—and the St Comssr respectfully recommends that Mr George Ireland be appointed on the part of the Corporation with power to say what Mr Saunders ought to pay

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was agreed to & authority given to the Arbitrators in case of a difference of opinion to elect an umpire.

The Street Commissioner on the petition for a Bridge at Varrick Street drain—reported That Varrick Street is not yet completely regulated so as to be passable for the public, that there is a Bridge over the drain at Sullivan Street which is within about 150 feet of Varrick Street with an easy communication between them so that the Petitioners cannot be much incommoded at present. The St Comsr is of opinion that there ought to be a Bridge at Varrick Street & did propose to have one built in the Spring, when the drain & street will be finished

Sigd Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was approved

[87] A Invitation was received from Coln Richard Platt Commissary Genl of Military Stores to visit the Arsenal in this City—which was accepted by the Comn Council for Thursday next 1 o Clock

Resolved that the Sword voted by Resolution of this Common Council to be presented to Capn Jacob Jones of the U S Navy be forwarded to him by Mr Brown a Member of this Board on a visit to Sacketts Harbour where Capn Jones is at present stationed

The Comptroller reported

Accounts audited during the recess of the board

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	495.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
J Fine on Acct repr^{s} to pumps &c	127.84
C E Duncan St Inspr to 1 Jany	54.00
Wm McIntosh Do Do	46.00
J Burjeau to pay Thresher Certifct freedom Comr Madonough	35.00
	$2113.59

Which were agreed to

He also reported

Cash in the Treasury	$33456.44
Warrants not presented	2778.57
	30677.87

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

A Woodward Asst City Inspr to 15 Jany 1815	62.50
Wm M Summers Salry Inspr Bread to 8th Jany	100.00
[88] C Holt 6 mo. advertizg in Columbian	37.50
J McComb St Comsr to pay assessors for 3d Avenue	100.00
Abm Stagg paving Prince St fr Broadway to Bowery	117.28
A Smyth pavg Hudson St fr Spring to Charlton St	143.75
Do Do Do Sullivan " " " Broome St	100.00
Jonathan Hatfield regulag Sullivan fr Canal to old Dutch	504.18
A Smyth pavg &c Sundry Streets	53.18
Thos Clarke on acct filling in Slip at Brooklyn	100.00
C Debevois Iron work to Docks	121.31
W Castle reprs to wells	140.72
J McComb ½ Yr Salry St Comsr to 12 Jany 1815	750.00
Jas Wallace Supdt reprs	500.00
R Furman Supd Alms House	8000.00
J Pintard small Bills cancelld by the Come	2536.36
Do Do for Wm McNeil to cancel Corpn Bills	1000.00
J Hays for money advanced by him for detecting Counterfeiters	50.00
	$14416.78
Balance	$16261.09

[89] In Common Council Jan^{y} 28th 1815

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King
Isaac S Douglass		Gideon Tucker
George Buckmaster		Daniel E Tylee
William Few		Asa Mann
Reuben Munson		Arthur Burtis
		W^{m} A Hardenbrook
		Noah Brown

Assistants

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that understanding that Major Gen^{l} Brown had arrived in the City and that he was to remain but a few days he had summoned them together to confer upon him the municipal honors formerly voted to him

General Brown having attended & having been presented to the Mayor—His Honor made the following address to him

"Sir

"However disastrous & portentous the state of public affairs may "appear at any particular period, there is almost invariably in every "free country a redeeming Spirit which produces faculties demanded "by the crisis [90] and elicits powers proportioned to the emergency. "The history of the U S. furnishes many remarkable illustrations of "this truth, and gives us strong reason to believe that however we "may suffer for a time, yet that the hand of the Almighty has marked "us out for a long career of prosperity and greatness. The war of "the revolution astonished mankind by a sublime display of heroism "& political wisdom; and when at a subsequent period the elements "of anarchy & confusion were let loose among us, our civil institutions "were ameliorated and our national prosperity fortified & improved "by the Counsels & exertions of sages & patriots. We are now "engaged in a war with one of the most powerful nations of the "world, a nation which has had a principal agency in overthrowing "the colosal power of France, which now controuls the destinies of "Europe and which holds in its hands the trident of the ocean. This "Enemy so formidable has attacked by sea and by land has approached "us in all directions and is now menacing our Northern our Western "our Eastern & our Southern Frontiers. Altho' distracted by intestine "divisions. paralized by inefficient measures, environed with dangers

" & surrounded by difficulties, yet America has on most important " occasions presented a countenance undismayed & magnanimous & " has produced heroes who have on the ocean & the land vindicated " our national character & have erected imperishable monuments of " [91] individual & national glory. The events which have occurred " on the Western Frontiers of this state during the last campaign have " baffled the proud expectations of the Enemy & have taught him that " by energy, wisdom & union we can set at defiance the combined " efforts of the old world. At Chippewa & Bridgewater and at Erie, " our gallant army came in contact with the veteran soldiers of great " Britain, who had dyed the plans of Europe with the blood of the " best troops of France; and the result has everywhere been successful " & glorious. The heroic spirits which directed our physical force, " and the brave soldiers that fought under such masterly guidance, are " entitled to the gratitude of America; Wherever they go the good " wishes and good offices of their Country will attend them; history " will record their services & their sufferings, their deeds of valor & " of glory; and future generations as well as the present will look " up to them as models for imitation & as examples of heroic great- " ness. As long as the waters of the Great Lakes shall roll over the " cataract of the Niagara, so long will those heroes command the " gratitude & veneration of posterity; and the future traveller will " with increased curiosity & indescribable emotion contemplate the " magnificent scenery of a country equally celebrated for the illus- " trious achievements of man & the sublime operations of nature. To " the leaders in these exploits the just & impartial voice of future " times will [92] apply the portrait of a great Captain drawn by the " first orator of Antiquity.

" Labor in negotiis, fortitudo in periculis, industria in agendo, " celeritas in conficiendo, consilium in providendo.

" Altho' delicacy will not permit me to state the agency which you " have had in these distinguished scenes, yet I must be permitted to say " that the promises which you gave of future & eminent usefulness " (when by your vigor & skill you protected the most important place " in the west against the invasions of the enemy) have been fully " realized on the borders of the Niagara, & that to such men as you " & your gallant companions in arms America must look for the " palladium of her safety "

" The freemans oath was then administered to him by the Mayor " & the certificate of freedom & a gold Box with suitable inscriptions " thereon being presented to him. The Gen[l] made the following reply

"I entreat you to accept my most sincere acknowledgments for "the very favorable view you have been pleased to take of my military "conduct. The only claim which I can possibly have on the notice & "regard of my country, is that of an honest zeal to promote her "interest and her glory

"With unfeigned pleasure I avail myself of this opportunity to "assure you that the events which have attracted your praise, are to "be ascribed under God, to the destinguished merit of the officers "with whom I have had the happiness to be associated [93] *with*, and "to the full reliance which I have ever placed on the unequalled quali- "ties of the American Soldier. I have only given to the Troops under "my command an opportunity of evincing to their Country that they "are worthy of her confidence; her approbation is their highest "reward.

"The flattering acknowledgment, by so distinguished a body as "the Corporation of this great City of the merits of that heroic Army, "I shall ever cherish as among the most honorable events of my life. "Animated by the most fervent zeal for the service of their country, "these expressions of her esteem will only stimulate the army to "encreased exertions to secure her rights and to vindicate her fame"

The Gen[l] then withdrew

[94] In Common Council Feb[y] 6[th] 1815

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen:
Peter Mesier
Jonas Mapes
Augustine H Lawrence
Peter M[c]Cartee
Thomas R Smith
Isaac S Douglass
George Buckmaster
Nicholas Fish
Reuben Munson

Assistants:
Jacob Lorrillard
Anthony L Underhill
Elisha W King
Gideon Tucker
Asa Mann
Arthur Burtis

This being the period of the quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell the Board performed that duty.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of William S Moore stating that he had been assessed in the late assessment of the Taxes far beyond the value of his property & praying relief was read & refered to the Committee of charity.

A Memorial of the American Academy of the Arts was read stating, that the building now occupied by them belongs to the Corporation

—that after the 1st of May they will depend exclusively [95] upon the [Corporation] for a place where to deposit their valuable & extensive collection of Casts paintings &c That by a Resolution of the Common Council *of the Common Council* of the 20th Novr 1804 it was declared that the upper part of the New City Hall should be appropriated to the Academy. That the arrangement of the Hall not furnishing suitable accomodations they rely, that the spirit of that Resolution will be carried into effect by the Common Council, and they suggest that as the present Alms House will soon be unoccupied that the same would afford proper accomodations for the academy & for the other literary Societies & Scientific Institutions which have solicited the patronage of the Corporation

Resolved that it be refered to Alderm Mesier Alderm Buckmaster Alderm Fish Alderm Douglass Alderm Lawrence

A Petition of John G Bogert praying remission of fine incurred under the Street Law was read & refered to Alderm Mesier Mr Underhill Mr Burtis

A Memorial was received from Leonard Beatty stating that he had invented a Machine for raising weights by means of weights & pressure & praying some aid [96] to enable him to construct a model of the same which was refered to the St Commissioner

A Petition of Robert Carnley for remission of fine incurred under Sunday law was read & leave given to petitioner to withdraw his petition

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for improving Nassau Street, which was refered back to the assessors for consideration together with the remonstrances against the same of Charles Christian. The Consistory of the reformed Dutch Church—of certain owners of Lots in the lower part of Broad Street, and of certain owners of Lots in Wall St.

A Letter from John Gardner requesting to be informed if Nassau St was to be opened, was read & laid on the table.

A Petition of Charles Gilmer for Stall No 39 Fly market was received & refered to the Market Committee

A Resignation was received from George Gosman of Office of Fire Warden for 3d Ward, which was accepted & Peter Aymar appointed in his stead.

A Letter was received from Abraham G Forbes of Mount pleasant stating that a number of forged money bills of the Corporation were in circulation in that neighbourhood. Whereupon [97] Resolved that said communication be refered to the finance Committee.

A Memorial was received from the Society of Friends suggesting a further supply of fuel to be distributed in the several Wards of the City. and was refered to the Superintendant of the Alms House with authority to act in the premises.

A Letter was received from Peter G Stuyvesant requesting payment of the Sum assessed to him for his damages in opening the Third Avenue which was refered to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Abraham Stagg praying payment of the amount of his contract for filling Goerck Street was read & refered to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Burling Slip complaining of the Fire Engine House at that place, which was refered to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition was received from Henry Titus stating that he is a Lessee of the Corporation. That last night the buildings on said Lot were nearly all consumed by Fire & praying an extension of his lease to enable him to [98] erect suitable buildings on the same.

Ordered to be refered to Alder^{n} M^{c}Cartee Alder^{n} Mapes Alder^{n} Douglass & The Comptroller

The Street Commissioner stated that a house owned by John Highman has been taken in opening Third avenue That he is willing to pay such sum for it as two indifferent persons shall value it at & has named on his part W^{m} Holmes & the St Commissioner & recommended that Thomas C Taylor should be appointed for that purpose on the part of the Board with authority to the two to chuse an Umpire if necessary—which was agreed to.

The Committee upon the remonstrance against auctions being held in Vesey Street reported

That the Committee have fully considered the subject refered to them and are sensible that the complaints stated by the petitioners are true that they have with great patience long submitted to the inconvenience, and if practicable are now entitled to relief. Your Committee therefore recommend that the following Resolution be adopted.

Resolved that from & after the first of May next no auctioneers sale be permitted to be held in any of the cross streets on the west side of Broadway & Greenwich Street

(Sig^{d}) P Mesier
G Buckmaster
A H Lawrence

[99] Which Report was approved & the Resolution passed

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was refered the subject of confining the election of firemen to persons exempt from militia duty &c Reported—That it is inexpedient to make the appointments from any one class of citizens to the exclusion of any other class—Because the adoption of such a rule, would bring into the class of Firemen no greater number of those who are exempted in consequence of religious principles than would join without such a rule, the Board having no power to compel them—and because those who by infirmities are unfitted for militia duty would be absolutely useless as firemen—Your Committee deem it a matter of importance, & of pressing necessity to have the fire companies filled up with able bodied men Inasmuch as their duty at all times but more especially in seasons like the present is very laborius & injurious to health—and as there exists much discontent among the Firemen already in consequence of their nominations having been rejected.

And further, Your Committee recommend that the Attorney of this Board be instructed to draw up an ordinance, for prohibiting the having or keeping of fire on board of any vessels loaded with Hay while lying at the Docks or in the Slips of the City under the penalty of Dollars—And that it be made the duty of [100] the fire Wardens to see that this law is properly executed

(Sigd) Peter McCartee
Arthur Burtis

Which Report was approved & the Council was directed to report an ordinance agreably thereto

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Henry F Liebenau	Lot No 38	Vessey St
Elizabeth Glover Samuel Norsworthy	nuisance	174 Broadway

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well in Chamber Street between Broad Way & Church St, which was passed & William Stilwell, Ezekiel Bishop & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on an assessment for paving Delancy St made in 1810 of which John F Bainbridge was collector & recommending a Warrant to issue—Which was ordered & the same to be issued to Noah Jarvis to collect the same

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hose Company N° 1.

James N Hyde Watch Maker 24 Provost St 5 W^d
vice Simon Van Ness res^gd

John C Marsh Mercht L. George St 4 W^d " Jacob P Roome D°

[101] Floating Engine

David Gibson Rigger 41 Harman St 7 W^d vice Peter Coffee D°

W^m J Romer Grocer 75 Rosevelt St 4 W^d " Tho^s Dickenson D°

Sam^l Flemings Sail Maker 100 Lombardy St 7 W^d
vice Augustus C Douglass D°

Roswell Crosby Shoemaker
29 Cherry St 4 W^d " Mathew Daniels J^r res^d

David Harris Rigger 75 James St 7 W^d vice Hezekiah Cock res^gd

F E Comp^y N° 15.

Mathew Vanderhoof—Shoemaker, Elm St 6 W^d vice Ab^m Clock res^gd

Jeremiah W Johnson Cab^nt maker 17 Catharine St, 7^th W^d vice Darius Knight res^gd

F E Comp^y N° 16

Hartman Vreeland Grocer N° 26 Liberty St 2^d Ward
vice Evert Wenman D°

F E Comp^y N° 23

Jacob Benson, Carpenter, 70 Hudson St 5 W^d vice W^m Hill expelled for misconduct

F E Com^y N° 26

James M Tuthill, Grocer, C^r Pike & Henry St. 7 W^d
vice James Jackson res^gd

Pine Hopkins Grocer, C^r Spring & Thomson St 8 W^d
vice John H Dobbs D°

F E Comp^y N° 30

Blaze Tenbrook, Butcher Mott n^r Spring St. 8 W^d
vice Martin Simpson left City

Joseph Westerfield Rope maker. 2^d n^r Rivington St 10 W^d
vice Griffith Griffiths D°

F E Comp^y N° 33

Henry Hoffman, Butcher, Water St 7^th W^d
vice John Woolsey left City

Jesse Wood, Carpenter, Broome St 10^th W^d
vice Ab^m Dunn D°

F E Com^{y} N^{o} 39.

Richard C Willis Acct. 67 Chamber St 5 W^{d}

vice Philip F Quereau *D^{o}

F E Comp N^{o} 40

Richard Cornwall Hay Cartman, Broome St 8 W^{d}

vice Dan^{l} Sammis res^{gd}

The following Resolution was presented by M^{r} King and agreed to and it was refered to the Lamp Committee to carry the same into execution

Whereas many of the persons employed [102] by this Corporation, to trim & light the public Lamps, have been guilty of repeated neglects of duty & impositions—And whereas the present system of lighting the City is deemed defective

Therefore Resolved That from & after the day of February instant the duty of trimming & lighting the public lamps in this City, shall be performed, under the direction & superintendance of the several Captains of the Watch each within the limits of their respective Districts That it shall be the duty of each of the said captains to select such and so many of the Watchmen from his Company as shall be required by the Committee on Lamps for the time being to perform the said duty; and that the said Captains & Watchmen who shall perform the said duty shall receive such compensation as the said Committee shall deem just & reasonable, That the said Committee shall have power from time to time to employ a suitable person, during their pleasure to measure & deliver out oil for lighting the said lamps who shall receive a Sum not exceeding $1.50 per day for each day of his attendance

Resolved that the office of Superintendant of lamps shall be abolished from and after the said day of February instant

The Comptroller reported

Accounts paid during the recess of the Board

[103] Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown	D^{o}	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs	D^{o}	498.25
Willis & V^{n} Dyck	D^{o}	339.50
M Ackerman	Keeper Potters field to 1 Jan^{y}	46.50
		$2200.25

Which were agreed to

* An accompanying memorandum reads *a man was app^{d} in his place Dec^{r} 26 1814.*—ED.

He further Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$30385.27
Warrants not presented	2607.36
	$27777.91

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following Accounts

D S Jones 1 Yr Salry as Council to 20th Jany	500.00
R Graves Dy St Comsr 1 Qr Salry to 1 Feby	200.00
W McIntosh St Inspr to 1 Feby	52.00
C E Duncan " " " "	52.00
H W Peckwell " " " "	52.00
Martling & Cozzens Dinner for Genl Brown	218.00
S Ludlam Measr & makr Maps &c.	32.00
J Lofborrow regulas Clock Rutgers St Church	16.66
P Burtsell Stationary & Maps of N Y. for Members	266.75
P Schermerhorn Int on bond Beekman Slip fr Aug to Feb	450.00
James Richardson for Wells	39.31
Estate of D Stillwell Decd repr to pumps	89.50
H Brush reprs to pumps	51.00
M Banks Do Do	33.62
George Collis Do Do	38.14
W McKean amt his contract buildg Dam Varrick St	407.85
W Fish for Quarter City Stock Intt due 1 Novr	10500.00
T R Mercein Compr 1 Qr Salry fr 1 Nov to 1 Feby	500.00
R Furman for Alms House	6000.00
E & P Dobbs Timber & Plank as certifd by Supt reprs & St Comsr	843.64
[104] City Dispensary Annl Subn due 1 Feby	500.00
French benevolent Society as pr Resln of the Board	250.00
Mr Tylee & Mr Bloodgood in advance to cancel Small Bills by order Finance Committee For McNeil Balc 109.34	1609.34
J Tallman Depy City Inspr 36 days to 1 Feby	72.00
	$22699.81
Balc	$5078.10

Extra Meeting In Common Council Feb^{y} 13 1813 [1815]

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augus^{n} H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
Isaac S Douglass		Daniel E Tylee	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
William Few		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had summoned them together at the request of Alder^{n} Mesier—Lawrence & Buckmaster

Alder^{n} Mesier stated that intelligence had been received that a Treaty of peace had been concluded [105] by the Commissioners appointed on the part of the U S. and of Great Britain & had been ratified by the Prince Regent, that it now only remained for the same to be ratified by the constituted authorities of the U S. to restore once more to our Country the blessings of peace; that as the annunciation of this happy event had diffused such general joy throughout every class of the Community it was thought proper that the Common Council should be summoned to consider how far they would take part in and direct such public demonstrations of Joy as should be suitable on this auspicious event; the application for a call of the Common Council had therefore been made as stated by His Honor the Mayor—After some deliberation upon the subject the following address to the Citizens was unanimously agreed to, and directed to be inserted in the several gazettes of the City.

The Common Council, in common with their fellow Citizens, appreciating the important blessings which will result to our country from the restoration of peace and sincerely congratulating them on the auspicious intelligence which has been received on that subject, inform them, that arrangements have been made for suitable demonstrations of joy whenever intelligence of the ratification of the Treaty shall be received; and particularly that due notice of a time for a general illumination of the City [106] will be given. They also suggest that any partial exhibitions of joy are incompatible with the solemnity of the occasion, & may produce irregularities & disorders. They further

inform their fellow Citizens that a Committee of the Board have been appointed to superintend the requisite arrangements

Alder[n] Mesier Alder[n] Buckmaster Alder[n] Lawrence were appointed a Committee to carry the same into effect

[107] In Common Council Feb[y] 20[th] 1815

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

		Jacob Lorillard
Peter Mesier		Anthony L Underhill
Jonas Mapes		Elisha W King
Agus[n] H Lawrence		Gideon Tucker
Peter M[c]Cartee	Aldermen	Daniel E Tylee
Thomas R Smith		Asa Mann
Isaac S Douglass		Arthur Burtis
Reuben Munson		W[m] A Hardenbrook
		Noah Brown

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Isaac Valentine to be appointed Weigh Master at the Hay scales at Gouverneur Slip in the place of Samuel Marvin who had agreed to resign the same to him and the resignation of M[r] Marvin to that effect were read—Whereupon Isaac Valentine was appointed

A Petition of Amos Broad praying remission of a fine for not removing the snow from the side walk he being sick, was read & refered to the Street Inspector of that District M[r] Duncan

A Petition from William Guest and one from John Smith for appointments as Measurers of grain was read & refered to a former Committee [108] appointed on similar Petitions viz M[r] King Alder[n] Smith

A Petition of Isaac Stoutenburgh to be appointed Weighmaster in the place of his father Isaac Stoutenburgh deceas[d] was read and granted

A Petition of Louis Mathias de Jonett by Stephen L Falott his Att[y] was received stating that his Mother Ursule Makiel de Jonett in the year 1807 died intestate and the proceeds of her estate was paid into the City Treasury—That as one of the Heirs of his mother he was entitled to a moity of her Estate and praying the same may be paid to him—Whereupon it was ordered to be refered to the Council & Chamberlain

A resignation of J B Dash as Firewarden of 3[d] Ward was received and accepted—And David J Hubbs was appointed in his place

A Petition from Amos Cooning praying relief as surety for Jona-

than A Delavan Collector of Assessment on Lispenard Street was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

A further remonstrance from Proprietors of Lots in Wall Street against the assessment for widening Nassau St was read and refered to the Assessors

A Petition of Michael Hilaman for a stall in Washington Market and of Mary Oliver for coffee stand in the fly market were read [109] and refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of James Johnson praying relief from an excessive assessment of Tax was read & refered to the Committee of charity.

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 25 praying an encrease of Men was read & refered to the Committee on the fire Department & Chief Engineer

A Letter was received from Messrs St John & Scoffield, stating that they held a mortgage against the property of John A Graham for $4000 that knowing the Corporation held a junior mortgage they thought it proper previous to taking any steps for payment which would incur expense, to know if the Corporation were inclined to purchase their mortgage

Ordered that the same be refered to the Comptroller

A Petition from Jacob Reviere praying appointment of wood Inspector for the District between Coentius Slip & the Battery, was refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Gravesend and New Utrecht on Long Island requesting the Corporation to unite with them in an application to the Legislature to pass a law to regulate the shad fishery, was read and refered to the Committee on laws to prepare [110] and forward a Memorial to the Legislature corresponding with the prayer of Petitioners

A Petition was received from the N York and Jersey Steam ferry Boat Company stating that great impositions were practiced by persons ferrying passengers over the river at night & praying that a law may be passed prohibiting such practices under severe penalties, was refered to the ferry Committee.

A Petition of John Turner praying remission of a penalty under the Tavern law was read and refered to the Attorney with authority to remit

The Comptroller stated that the contracts for the Street manure would expire on the 1st of April & that for docks & Slips on the 1st May and he recommended that agreably to former usage that adver-

tisements for proposals should be made—which was approved—He also stated that the lease for the cellars under Washington Market expired on the 1st May next

Whereupon it was ordered that the same be leased at public auction for one year

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board memorials to the Legislature and corresponding Bill—1st for appointment of a public administrator—2dly for amendment of the act for the relief and settlement of the poor [111] and 3dly for confirming compromises heretofore made by the commissioners of the Alms House with the putative Fathers of bastard children, and authorizing such compromises in future—which laws are a part of those heretofore recommended by the Counsel to be applied for, and have been drawn under the direction of the Committee to which the subject had been refered

(Sigd) D S Jones.

The report alluded to was presented on 23d Jany and is in the words following

The Counsel of the Corporation in pursuance of the Resolution of the Common Council at their last meeting in relation to the laws to be applied for at the ensuing session of the Legislature begs leave to state: that applications were made at the last Session for the enactment of several laws which were deemed by the board important to the interest of the city, which laws from the late hour at which they were presented to the Legislature or from some other cause not known to the Counsel were not passed These were first a law authorizing the Common Council to appoint a public administrator to take charge of intestate estates in this city and to be vested with similar powers to those which are now given to the Chamberlain in such cases—2d A law to amend the act for the relief and settlement of the poor so as to free this city from the necessity of [112] maintaining all the foreign poor who are now thrown upon us for support contrary to the former acts on that subject—as the same reasons for the passing of these acts exist at this period as when the application was made at the last session the counsel presumes it would be proper to repeat those applications

The law requiring all taxes and assessments in favor of the Corporation to be registered in the office of the Register of this city to preserve a lien on the lands taxed or assessed has not so far forth as

comes within the knowledge of the Counsel ever been acted upon in the case of our City taxes and not frequently in assessment cases—The expense of registering all our taxes and the assessments required to be registered would amount to a very considerable sum and the additional expense of discharging such registry would be still greater—There can be no occasion to make such registry for the purpose of giving publicity to these incumbrances as the Comptrollers office exhibits a view of the Taxes & the Street Commissioners Office that of all the assessments—As such repeal therefore will not produce any evil in the view of the Counsel he respectfully suggests the propriety of asking for it

The Commissioners of the Alms House of our City have from time immemorial been in the habit of compromising with putative fathers for the support of Bastard children by taking a sum in gross in lieu of security [113] for the support of such children. And the Superintendant of that establishment states that such compromises have been of advantageous tendency—It is however very questionable whether such settlements are not contrary to the spirit and meaning of the act relative to the maintenance of Bastard children and it is therefore respectfully suggested whether it would not be proper to present to the Legislature an act confirming the compromises already made and authorizing them in future. By the terms of the law for the opening of Streets Squares &c it will be seen that no provision is made for the opening of the squares and public places designated on the Commissioners Plan other than in the ordinary case of opening Streets and avenues—It would seem from that law that all the expense of opening such squares and public places (except one third of the value of the Buildings which may be imposed upon the Corporation) must be borne by individuals who may be benefitted by the said improvement—But it is obvious that the opening of some of the large squares designated by the Commissioners will produce an expense infinitely beyond the benefit which will accrue to the property lying within any distance which it would be proper to include in an assessment—indeed that a large portion of the benefit is to the community at large

[114] Under an impression that the Corporation ought to be assessed for a very considerable share of this expense and that the existing law will not warrant such an assessment the counsel suggests the propriety of having an amendment prepared to meet the case

It will be recollected by the Board that when the law extending the limits within which the erection of wooden buildings is prohibited was

passed by the Legislature in 1812 a proviso was added at Albany to the bill sent up by the Corporation by which lessees in certain cases were authorized to erect wooden Buildings within the prohibited limits—The operation of this clause is calculated to defeat the object of the act as in almost every instance the party erecting a wooden building manages to bring himself within the case, provided for by the proviso or at least avers that his case is within that proviso and thereby renders it unsafe to proceed for the penalty—This proviso having been introduced into the law against the sense of the board as evinced by the Bill framed by them and being attended with the above inconvenience it is suggested whether it would not be proper to procure the repeal and whether it would not at the same time be advisable to extend the limits so as to make pearl. Anthony and Harison Streets the Northern Boundary instead of Chamber Street which is the present line

The preceding acts with the tax law which is [115] annually applied for by the Corporation are all which have presented themselves to the reflection of the Counsel; there may probably be others important to the welfare of the City which have not come within his view And he would beg leave to add that as an early application to the Legislature is expedient to secure their attention it would be desirable if other laws or amendments are contemplated that they should be presented to the board as soon as may be practicable

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

Whereupon the said Memorials and Bills were refered to the Counsil under direction of Committee of laws to engross & forward the same to the Legislature

The Counsel and Chamberlain on the *Petition of Patrick Walsh and others—reported

That all the facts set forth in the said petition except their relationship to the intestate Patrick Walsh are true, within the knowledge of the Chamberlain; And that the Counsel & Chamberlain do believe the petitioners to be entitled to the balance of the said Intestates estate according to the prayer of their said Petition—The Petitioners have accordingly been apprised that the said balance would be paid over to them upon their executing a proper bond of indemnity to the Corporation in the premises this has been done by the Petitioners Patrick Walsh and John Walsh, but has been neglected [116] by Martin Walsh—The Counsel and Chamberlain therefore recommend that a Warrant for $118.02 (being 2 thirdparts of the said balance) be issued

* Marginal note reads 67.—Ed.

in favor of the counsel to pay the proportions of the said Intestates estate which are due to the said Patrick Walsh & John Walsh respectively

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones
W Fish

which was approved and a Warrant ordered to issue accordingly

The Counsel presented agreably to order an ordinance entitled "a Law to prohibit the use of Fire on board of vessels loaded with hay or Straw" which was read by paragraphs and passed

The Counsel presented an arbitration bond between the Corporation and John Higham agreably to the directions of the Board which was ordered to be executed

The Street Commissioner Stated that M^{r} Cornelius Dubois. has a house and out buildings a part of which has been taken in opening the First Avenue—M^{r} Dubois is willing to allow such a peice for it as may be fixed by two indifferent persons, for which purpose he has named M^{r} William Vermilye on his part, and the St Commissioner respectfully recommends that M^{r} George Ireland be appointed on the part of the Corporation with power to chose a third person in case of the two cannot agree

[117] M^{r} Dubois wishes to be understood that if the Supreme Court should hereafter determine that the buildings are his property that then the Corporation are to refund the amount the buildings may be valued at

(Sig^{d}) John M^{c}Comb St Coms^{r}

which was approved of & an arbitration bond directed to be drawn by the Counsel

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents upon the assessments for surplus damages in opening 3^{d} avenue, for widening Murray Street and for improving Pearl St Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue on each for collection of the sums due

*The Committee to whom it was refered to report suitable demonstrations of joy on the late auspicious event of peace, reported the following to be adopted by the Common Council and to be communicated to the Citizens

The Common Council participating with the feelings of their fellow Citizens on the restoration of the blessings of peace to our Country, and desirous that the public expressions of Joy on this auspicious

* Marginal note reads *104*.—ED.

event should be uniform—Recommend that in celebration thereof, a general illumination of all inhabited dwellings take place on wednesday next, the twenty second instant

The Committee on the part of the Common Council have directed the City Hall to be illuminated and have ordered several appropriate transparencies [118] to be prepared for that building

They have also ordered a handsome display of Fireworks to be got up, and to be exhibited in front of the Government house

They further recommend that the Flags from the Forts and from the Vessels in the Harbour be displayed during the day—That a salute be fired at noon under the direction of the Commanding Officer of Artillery, and that the Bells of the City be rung at that time for the space of an hour

That the illumination commence at 7 oclock in the evening, and continue until 10 oclock when the lights are to be extinguished

The signal for the illumination to be three guns fired in succession from the Battery and Arsenal and the flight of three Rockets

That no horses or carriages appear in any part of the Streets of the City south of the line of Chamber Street, between the hours of 7 and 10 oclock of that evening

And as many of our most worthy fellow Citizens from religious scruples, from sickness and other causes, cannot conveniently unite with their fellow Citizens in testifying their joy on this occasion by illuminations, The Corporation earnestly recommend that no violations of the rights of individuals take place, in consequence of any omission to join in such illuminations. And they further give notice that they have taken the most efficacious measures to punish any violation of the public peace

[119] That the peace officers and City Watch be directed to assemble at the Hall at 6 oclock when they will receive instructions as to the duties required of them

And it having been signified by a number of the Rev^{d} the Clergy of this City, that this event is one of those interpositions of providence which calls for National Gratitude and Thanksgiving, and that it would be highly agreable to them that it should be recommended by the Common Council to the Citizens to attend divine service on that day—It is therefore recommended, that the Citizens of this place assemble in their respective Churches on that day, at the usual hour of morning service, there to offer up to the great Ruler of Nations their sincere

thanksgivings for the restoration of peace to our Country, and humbly to implore his blessings upon it

Sig^{d} Peter Mesier, Augus^{n} H Lawrence, Geo Buckmaster } Committee of Arrangements

which was approved

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was refered the subject of altering and amending the ordinance relative to fires presented a report which was refered to the Counsel with directions to report an ordinance agreably thereto

[120] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Comp N^{o} 1.

Peter Edsall, Shoemaker, 217 Church St 5^{t} W^{d} vice Anth^{y} Minton res^{d}

John Devoe Stone cutter 122 Reed S^{t} 5 W^{d} vice Mortinus Swain left City

N^{o} 2.

James Taylor Maltster 38 Ja^{s} S^{t}, 4th W^{d} vice Matthew Bird res^{d}

N^{o} 3.

Daniel Morgan Grocer 50 Whitehall St 1 W^{d} vice Jn^{o} A Mildeberger D^{o}

N^{o} 4

Benj^{n} Townsend Grocer—239 W^{m} St 4 W^{d} vice Anthony Chapple do

W^{m} H Cameron Account 70 Courtlandt St 3 W^{d} vice Walter F Townsend D^{o}

James Rowland Whip maker 177 W^{m} St 2 W^{d} vice Stephen B Cleveland D^{o}

David Brown Taylor 84 Liberty 3 W^{d} vice W^{m} Tillton D^{o}

N^{o} 5

Gudson Hawley Grocer, C^{r} Peck Slip & Front S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d} vice Rob^{t} B White D^{o}

N^{o} 8

James M Rose, H. Carpenter 59 Chatham St 6 W^{d} vice Jn^{o} Rose

George Darley Brewer 52 Augustus S^{t} 6 vice Nich^{s} Williams lf^{t} City

N° 13

George Herrick Silver smith Pearl St N° 245—2d Wd
vice Joel Sayer resgd
Justus Vn Hosen Mercht " 246. 2d Wd
vice Nichls B Brower Do

N° 17

John Cox Cartman 70 Second St 10th Wd vice Wm M Donald resd
Daniel Comstock fish dealer 19 Lombardy St 7 Wd
vice John Casilaer
left City
Abraham Horton, Grocer 93 Mott St 6 Wd " Daniel Dyke Do
Evert F Brush boat builder 343 Water St 4 Wd
" Francis Casilaer Do
Robert Wood Ship joiner 59 Banker 9th Wd
" Peter Noe Do

N° 18

Jonathan W. Kellogg,
Mercht 101 Chamber St 5 Wd vice Duncan MeEuen Do
Dana Comstock Do Do Do " Joseph Leggett Do
Robert Bruce Do 51 Cherry St 4 Wd " Thomas Leggett Do

[121] N° 21.

Thomas Thomas, Tinman 31 Nassau St 2d Wd
vice Henry G Fowler left City

N° 22

Morris Oakley Marshall, Harmon St 7 Wd vice John Moran resgd
Cornelius Conklin Carpenter, Montgomery St 7 Wd
vice James Scott Do

N° 24

Ahasuerus Turk, Grocer 19 Courtlandt St 3d Wd
vice Peter Targee Deceasd

N° 25

Stephen Westervelt Mason 217 Church St 5 Wd
vice Joseph Thomas Resgd

N° 26

Caleb Fordham Carpenter Bancker St 163 7th Wd
vice John C Redman Do

N° 29

Moses Roff Junr Cordwainer Cr Wasgt Christopher 8 Wd
vice Jno Degraw left City

N° 31

David Jaques H Carpenter 196 Chapple St 5 W^d
vice John T Crum D°

N° 36

William Foster, Cartman, vandam St 8^th W^d
vice John Lumbert remov^d

N° 37

William Burton Currier N° 7 Catharine S^t 7^th W^d
vice John Chandler resig^d
Alexander Whaley Lock Smith N° 25 Bowery lane 10^th W^d
vice Edward Graves D°

N° 40

James Brown. H Carpenter N° 97 Elm St 6^th W^d
vice Ja^s Webster expel^d
John Henry Kling Wheelwright N° 143 Grand St 10 W^d
vice Hicks V^n Nostrand res^gd
William Romain D° 185 Hester 6 W^d
vice Andrew Smith D°

N° 41

Caleb Felch, Cartman Attorney St 10^th W^d
vice Edw^d Gum[b]s remov^d
Rich^d Funnel Shipwright Arundel St 10 W^d
vice Dav^d B Hoyt D°
Alex^dr Stewart Sash maker Norfolk St 10 W^d
vice W^m Haley D°
Corn^l^s Sharp Grocer Hester S^t 10 W^d vice Ab^m Halsey D°
Anthony C Hoyt Cordwainer Grand St 10 W^d vice Cha^s Garret D°
George P Powel H Carpenter Essex St 10 W^d
vice Sol^n H Ma[r]sh D°

[122] The Council in compliance with the instructions of the Common Council reported—That he has written to the Collectors named in the list presented to the Committee on assessments by the Street Commissioner or to the Sureties of the Collectors—and reports that all of them remain in default except M^r Bainbridge who has paid up the Hudson Street Assessment & a great part of the Delancy Street Assessment and made returns of the defaulters on that assessment. And M^r Zaddock Hedden one of the said Collectors promises to pay the amount due from him in the course of a short time. The Counsel has caused some enquiry to be made as to the solvency of the other Collectors & their sureties, from the result of which enquiry he is induced

to believe that there is little or no prospect of recovering any thing from Delavan the Collector of Lespinard St assessment but that his surety is sufficient; that Benjamin C Stevenson the remaining Collector has removed from the City and John Batchelor his surety on the Mulberry Street assessment is dead and left no estate—And that Asa Holden the Surety of Stevenson on the Spring Street assessment is in embarrassed circumstances but to what extent is unknown to the Council

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

Which was refered to the Committee of finance to give the necessary directions

[123] The Council stated That in the summer of 1813 a suit was instituted upon the ordinance of the Corporation " for preventing and extinguishing fires and to regulate the keeping & transportation of Gunpowder " against one Jean Ordeneaux in consequence of information given by the then Deputy City Inspector that Ordeneaux had deposited a very large quantity of gunpowder within the limits prohibited by the said ordinance—This suit has recently been determined by the Supreme Court in favor of the Defendant, on the ground that the Corporation had transcended its authority in making the ordinance in question—The Counsel with very great deference to the opinion of the Court is inclined to think that the judgement pronounced by them is incorrect; and in this opinion he is supported by the Chairman on the Committee on laws. He would therefore unhesitatingly advise that the cause should be carried up to the court of errors by writ of error, were it not that the penalty to be recovered against the defendant is much smaller than was originally supposed, and that the expense of prosecuting the writ of error would probably be greater than the amount recovered in case of ultimate success. The Counsel would however respectfully suggest the propriety of refering the subject to some proper Committee to which he might more fully explain the merits of the case & under whose directions he might definitively act

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

[124] Which was directed to be refered to the Committee on Laws

Resolved that the Council be directed to report a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith repealing the law establishing Union place and also to reduce the Market Place from that established by the Map of the Commissioners of Streets & roads

The Comptroller reported

Accounts audited and paid since last meeting

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Willis & Van Dyke Do	339.50
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
A Woodward Asst City Inspr to 18 Feby	62.50
D W Clinton Mayor 1 Qr Salry to 12 Do	1750.00
Aldern McCartee to pay Lamp lighters	250.00
	$4192.25

Which were agreed to

He further Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$29447.90
Warrants not presented	10616.84
	$18831.66

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

T Hazard & 2 assts for keeps Bridewell 1 Qr to 18 Feb	512.50
J Hardcastle for printing to 11 Feby	98.75
Thos Franklin 1 Qr Salry as Chf Engineer	202.06
Prior & Dunning Book Stationy Compr ofc Come Defn	72.06
J Varrick Inspr Bread to 17 Feby	93.50
J A Hardenbrook for candles	32.81
[125] Mercantile Advetr Subn & Advertizm to 1 Jany	51.00
J L Morton to pay for Certifc Genl Macomb	35.00
T Roseter Rent Engn H. No 31. to Nov Last	15.00
A Stagg on Acct regulats Goerck St	211.50
A Acker on Acct regulating Varrick St	695.40
Do Do Do Watts St	500.00
S Hitchcock on acct opens Frankfort St	225.00
E & P Dobb for timber & Dock Logs for Brooklyn	545.31
Estate of D Woolsey decesd Int on bond No 3 due 26 Decr for $2000	138.65
J Adriance for award to heirs of J Sickles decsd for 3d Avenue	406.21
P Brasher for award opens 3d Aveneue	1559.39
J Bingham Do Do Do	2014.00
Elbert Kip for Mrs Kip Do Do	526.83
R Furman Treasr New Alms House	4000.00
James Wallace Supdt reprs	800.00
J W Mulligan prinl & Int Bond No 2 due Estate of D Woolsey 26 Decr (principal 2000. Amt	2138.65
P H Schenck prinl & Int for Bond due R McMenomy fo Hamltn Square Lot due 1 Feby	733.80
R Furman Treasr of Washn Market	214.31
Bloodgood & Tylee to redeem small bills cancelled by the Finance Committee	1500.00
	$17321.73
Balc	$1509.33

[126] In Common Council March 6th 1815

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier Jonas Mapes Augustine H Lawrence Peter McCartee Thomas R Smith Isaac S Douglass George Buckmaster Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen	Jacob Lorrillard Anthony L Underhill Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Daniel E Tylee Arthur Burtis	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Letter was received from Silvanus Miller Surrogate of the City & County of New York stating that the will of a M[rs] De la Montanye had been regularly proved but the Executors therein named have formally renounced. That the Legatees were two helpless females one blind and the other incapable of acting from mental disability—that the property of the estate amounted to $10000—that it was necessary that administration with the will annexed should be granted and prayed the interference of the Common Council

Resolved that the same be refered to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition was received from Henry Fanning [127] Executor of Frederick Davou deceased stating that he had formerly petitioned for an extension of 21 years of the lease of Lot N° 24 Peck slip & permission to assign the same—that he understands his request was refered in consequence of his not mentioning the assignee he now requested the granting of his prayer as to the extension of the lease & that the same might be made in the name of Tripler & Craig Whereupon Resolved that the Council prepare a lease agreably to the prayer of the Petition

The Council presented a memorial to the Legislature and Bill corresponding therewith praying for the repeal of that part of the law which required Taxes and Assessments to be registered in the office of the Register in and for the City of New York—This memorial & Bill are among those heretofore reported by the Counsel to be proper to present to the Legislature and have been approved by the Committee to whom that report was refered

(Sig[d] by) D S Jones

which was approved & ordered to be duly authenticated and forwarded to the Legislature

He also presented a Memorial & Bill corresponding therewith for the alteration of Union Place & Market Place which was approved & directed to be duly authenticated

He also presented a grant for a Water Lot to David Recoe, which was directed to be executed and delivered to the council as an escrow until the [128] execution of the Counterpart

He also presented an arbitration Bond from the Corporation to Cornelius Dubois relative to the house required to open First Avenue which was directed to be duly executed

A Petition of John Guest to be appointed a measurer & Inspector of lumber was read and granted

A Memorial was received from the Inhabitants of Pearl Street between Beekman and Burling Slips praying that a drain may be constructed to carry off the water from the cellars of that neighbourhood was refered to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner with authority to comply with the prayer of petitioner if in their opinion proper

A Petition was received from Stephen Hitchcock stating that the House corner of Frankfort Street & Skinner Street directed to be removed in the widening of Frankfort Street adjoins his house and unless great caution is used the removal will ruin his House & praying he may be permitted to take down said House fill up the cellar & regulate & pave the ground so to be opened and that for that trouble & expence he may take the materials of the house taken down for his own use—Resolved that the same be refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer if in his opinion proper

[129] A Petition of George Shafer for Stall in Washington market held by John Pessenger who was willing to relinquish the same Ordered to be refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 27 for a new Engine, was read & refered to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition from Day and Turner stating that they have established a printing office and praying to be appointed printers to the Corporation was read and refered to the Clerk of the Common Council & Comptroller

A Letter was received from Francis Lane in behalf of Cap^{n} Fisk of Schooner David Porter stating that on 28th Jan^{y} last they fell in with at sea the three masted british Schooner George from Rio Grande bound to Goree in a distressed condition. The master & mate having died there being on board two white men four african men and two

african women. They took the africans on board the Schooner where they now are, and praying some relief for them—Ordered that the same be refered to the Commissioners of the Alms House to make the necessary provision for them

A resignation of John Atwood of the office of Assistant to the Captain of the City Watch First District, was read & accepted

[130] A Petition of James H Lyon to be appointed in his stead was also refered to the Watch Committee

The following persons were appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 2

Wm Jaques, Mason, 77 Mott St, 6 Wd, vice Lewis Weaver Decd
Edwd Dougherty Lumber Mercht, 47 Bowy, 10 Wd vice Michael Boyce left City

F E Comy No 10.

Henry Shop, Butcher, North St, 10th Wd, vice, Hexon Wilson resd
Joseph Graham, Grocer, Bowery, 8 Wd, " , Frederick Regar Do

F E Compy No 29.

Jonn Deykman, Grocer, Washington St, 8th Wd
vice John Westervelt Do
Abel Smith, Baker, James St. 4 Wd, " David Morrison decd

A Petition was received from Charles Dobbs & Waters Furman Contractors for the Street manure of the City stating that by the call of the militia en mass, last fall they were much injured & wishing their contract for this year to be extended to 1st May Whereupon it was resolved the Street manure of the several District be leased to them from the 9th of April next until the 1st May 1816 for the same sum and under the same regulations as the present contract And that the Counsel prepare the leases accordingly

The Committee on laws & Counsel on the communication respecting suit against Jean Ordeneaux recently decided by the Supreme Court in favor of the defendant Reported

That altho they are of opinion that the [131] decision of the Supreme Court is not correct yet under all the circumstances of the case they incline to think it would not be expedient to carry the cause to the Court of errors; particularly as the expense of the proceedings would probably exceed the amount of the recovery, even if the decision of the court should be reversed

They therefore recommend that a Warrant be reported by the Comptroller to pay the amount of the costs as the same shall be taxed.

respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) E W King
Tho[s] R Smith
D S Jones

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for payment of the costs when taxed

The Counsel was also directed to report an amendment to the ordinance respecting the storing of Gunpowder to remedy the defect of the existing ordinance on that subject

[132] The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Amos Corning reported—That in his opinion so much of the money as was collected by Jonathan O Delavan after his return of Delinquents on the assessment alluded to and another Collector appointed thereto, the Petitioner ought not to be accountable for viz $55.54—But that the monies unaccounted for previous to such return viz $88.07 ought to be borne & paid by the said Petitioner

all which is respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Coms[r]

which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment of surplus damages for widening and improving Nassau St, with the report of the assessors, which was as follows

We the subscribers the assessors to whom was refered the reconsideration of the said assessment and the objections against the same do report

That we have carefully reconsidered our assessment and that we have attentively considered and examined the several objections offered against the said assessment and are of opinion that the said assessment ought not to be altered except that the sum of nineteen Dollars and fifty cents which is charged to James K Hamilton ought to be charged to Widow DeWint, and the sum of twenty one Dollars twenty five cents which is charged to widow DeWint ought to be charged to James K Hamilton and that they have [133] altered their assessment accordingly

(Sig[d]) Peter Hawes
Jn[o] Slidell
John Forbes
} Assessors

Whereupon the said assessment was confirmed an[d] Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

The Committee on laws to whom was refered the consideration of sundry laws to be proposed to the Legislature reported upon the law for appointing a public Administrator the following amendments to that which had been refered—viz That the period of 30 days should be given to the widow of the Intestate contemplated in said bill for making an election to administer upon said Estate & that notice thereof should be given by the Surrogate in the public prints, and that for all sums received by said Administrator not exceeding $2500. he should be allowed to retain for his services the sum of 5 per ct—and on all sums above $2500 2½ per ct

Which were approved and the Counsel was directed to prepare the Bill accordingly

Alder[n] Mesier from the Committee to whom were refered the Memorials from several Literary Societies presented a report which was read and the consideration postponed till the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that the Counsel be directed to prepare a suitable memorial & Bill to the Legislature [134] "to authorize the Common Council to erect Ferry Houses of wood within the Fire Districts"

Also to draw the memorial & Bill relative to opening the public squares and public Places and the memorial and Bill amending the law for the prevention of fires which were recommended by him in his report.

Also a Memorial and Bill to regulate the sale of Butter—And also that he prepare and report an ordinance directing the lying of vessels in the Stream of the East River opposite to the Steam Ferry Boat Wharves

Resolved that the Park Committee be authorized to raise the walks —to cause a quantity of manure to be spread over the same and to appoint a suitable person to take charge of it whenever they shall deem it proper

Ordered that a Warrant issue for $3000 in favor of M[ssrs] Tylee & Bloodgood for exchanging the worn out Corporation money bills

The Comptroller reported

Accounts audited since last Meeting

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown D[o]	621.25
Willis & Van Dyck	339.50
Mandeville & Dobbs	474.25
B Skaats and two Assistants keeping City Hall to 24[th] Feb[y]	275.43
	$2405.18

Which were agreed to

[135] He further reported

Cash in the Treasury	$18886.64
Warrants not presented	2501.52
	$16385.12

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

J Hays to pay extr men Illumination	48.75
G Willis Do Do	31.25
C E Duncan enforcg Sunday laws to 1 Mar	28.00
Eisenhart Do Do Do	32.00
J Morton indexg 28th vol corpn Minutes	60.00
H W Peckwell St Inspr to 1 March	48.00
W McIntosh Do " Do	48.00
C E Duncan Do " Do	48.00
D S Jones Atty of the Board to 20th Feby	138.26
M Ackerman Keeper Pottersfield to 1 March	42.00
National Advocate Subn & advertisg to 13th Inst	114.62
Gould Banks & Gould laws &c	32.13
Josiah Hedden Police Justice to 26 Feby	250.00
J Cox Do Do Do	250.00
C Schultz Do Do Do	250.00
B Oblenis Chief Clerk Do Do	250.00
R Stephens asst Do Do Do	150.00
J Hays & others extra services police ofc certfd by Justices	525.37
J Sherred for painting &c	91.56
E & P Dobbs 1/3d Corpn proporn Bulkhead at Cedar St	233.33
P G Stu[y]vesant award opensg 3d Avenue	1520.00
St Comsr to pay Comsrs opensg 1 Avenue & Murray St	693.85
G Thresher Freedom City for Genl Brown	35.00
J Tallman Asst City Inspr to 1 Mar	57.50
Bank N York Inclenburgh bond & Int	2717.57
R Furman for Alms House	5000.00
D E Tylee & Jno Bloodgood to redeem small bills	3000.00
	15695.19
Balc	$689.93

[136] In Common Council March 8th 1815

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Jonas Mapes Peter McCartee Thomas R Smith Isaac S Douglass George Buckmaster Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen.	Jacob Lorillard Anthony L Underhill Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Daniel E Tylee Noah Brown	Assistants

Resolved that the following Laws be and the same are hereby re-enacted

1 A Law to prevent disorderly Assemblies of persons in the City of New York

2. A Law to prevent gambling in the Streets and other public places in the City of New York

3 A Law concerning Taverns & Boarding Houses

4 A Law to prevent Masquerades in the City of New York

5. A Law to prevent the ringing or Tolling of bells for funerals in the City of New York

6 A Law to *to* regulate the driving of Horses Carts and Carriages in the City of New York

7 A Law to appoint a Comptroller of the City of New York

8 A Law for the appointment of a city Inspector

9 A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner and to regulate the paving and keeping in repair, and to prevent obstructions in the Streets [137] of the City of New York

10 A Law for the appointment of a Road Committee and overseers of the public Roads

11 A Law for the establishment of a Board of Health

12 A Law to prevent nuisances and to provide for the security of the public Health of the City of New York

13. A Law for procuring regular bills of mortality and also for procuring a Register of Births and Marriages

14 A Law directing the mode of collecting certain Revenues of the Corporation of the City of New York and for other purposes

15 A Law for establishing the assize and regulating the Inspection of bread

16. A Law for preventing and extinguishing fires and to regulate the keeping & transportation of gunpowder in the City of New York

17 A Law to regulate sales at auction in the City of New York

18. A Law to regulate the Inspection Sale and cartage of lime
19 A law to regulate the measure of coals
20. A law to regulate the sale of charcoal
21. A law to regulate the sale & cartage of manure sand & clay in the City of New York
22 A Law to regulate the sale of firewood and for the appointment of Inspectors thereof and for the division of the City into inspection Districts
23. A Law to regulate the fees of Weigh masters and measurers
24 A Law directing Monthly reports from the [138] measurers of grain, lime, charcoal—Boards & Lumber and Weighers of Hay and providing for anual reports by the City Inspector of the amount and value of the various articles of consumption and commerce imported into and exported from this City
25 A Law for regulating public porters in the City of New York
26. A Law concerning Ferries
27 A Law to regulate the sale of Horses to prevent their running loose in the Streets and to prevent racing in the Streets or Highways
28. A Law relating to persons licensed by the Mayor to retail spiritous liquors
29. A Law directing the uses of the public scales of the City of New York
30 A Law to regulate the lying of vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips & to establish the rates of wharfage
31 A Law to prevent the setting of fences or other obstructions in the Rivers within the limits & Jurisdiction of this City
32 A Law providing for the regulating of partition Fences and partition Walls for supporting ground in the City of New York
33 A Law for the establishment of signal poles on Staten Island
34 A Law to regulate Carts & Cartmen in the City of New York
35 A Law to regulate Surveyors
36 A Law to regulate the compensation to assessors for their services in making assessments [139] for regulating paving & repairing Streets and other places.
37 A Law to regulate the admission of freemen
38 A Law to regulate the landing & sale of hay in the City of New York
39 A Law to provide a compensation for the Aldermen who shall attend as Judges of the General Court of Sessions of the peace in and for the City & County of New York and a compensation for the as-

sistant Clerk of the special Justices for preserving the peace in the said City

40 A Law to prevent the vending or exposing for sale tin plate ware in any of the public Streets or Slips in the City of New York

41 A Law respecting swine

42 A Law to regulate the market fees in temporary markets and for other purposes

43 A Law for regulating the City prison and Bridewell and for the appointment of a keeper thereof

44 A Law for the better regulation of the City watch and for the division of the City into Districts for that purpose

45 A Law for appointing Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell and for regulating and governing the same

46 A Law for the better recovery of fines Penalties and forfeitures incurred by breaches of the laws of the Corporation

47 A Law for the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets in the City of New York and [140] for other purposes

48 A Law to regulate Pawn Brokers

49 A Law to regulate Chimney sweeps

[141] In Common Council March 20th 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Anthony L Underhill	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Elisha W King	
Augusn H Lawrence		Daniel E Tylee	
Peter McCartee		Arthur Burtis	
Thomas R Smith		William A Hardenbrook	
Isaac S Douglass		Asa Mann	
George Buckmaster			
William Few			
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

John Ferguson Esqr presented a Commission under the great seal of the State appointing him Mayor of the City of New York bearing date the 6th day of March inst and having taken the oaths by law prescribed took his seat as President of the Board

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

The Comptroller presented the following communication

The period having arrived when it became necessary for the Common Council to memorialise the Legislature for the passage of the usual act for the assessment and collection [142] of Taxes for this City

and County the ensuing year and no measures in relation thereto having as yet been adopted by the Board the Comptroller was induced to request the Counsel of the board to prepare a Memorial and law for that purpose—which is herewith presented—as the Legislature contemplate an early adjournment and the Session is now far advanced it is indispensable for the Board to give it their immediate attention

The Same Sum (viz $180000) as was prayed for the last Session is again recommended including the annual sum required for the support of Common Schools

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein

The Counsel presented a Memorial & Bill to the Legislature agreably thereto—Upon motion it was resolved that the compensation to the collectors of the 1st 2^{d} & 3^{d} Wards should be three cents on the Dollar to the Collectors of the 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th & 10th Wards five cents and to the collectors of the 9th Ward six cents. The Bills thus amended & Memorial were agreed to and directed to be engrossed duly authenticated & forwarded to the Legislature.

A Petition of James M^{c}Donald Lessee of Lot N^{o} 3 Elm Street praying to be employed in Corporation work to enable him to pay the rent owing by him to the Corporation was read and refered to the Committee on repairs and Comptroller

[143] A Petition that Walnut Street may be regulated from Water Street to corlaers Slip—That Amos Street may be opened and a Petition from the Inhabitants of Greenwich Village that either Hudson Greenwich or Washington Streets may be improved so as to accomodate foot passengers was read & refered to the St Coms^{sr}

A Remonstrance from sundry Butchers against certain steps erected in the Washington Market—A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that steps may be erected on the North & South side of said market—Petitions from Jacob Harriot John Vonck & Cornelius King for Butchers Stalls in said Market were read & refered to the Market Committee

A Petition from Abraham Binninger for permission to assign lease of Lot corner of Augustus Street, was read and refered to the Comptroller & Council with authority to grant the prayer of petition if in their opinion proper

A Petition of John Butler—W^{m} Peters & William M^{c}Donald for appointment of assistant to Captain of City Watch was read & refered to Watch Committee

A Petition of Charles Smith Lessee of [144] Public Wharves &

Slips praying some allowance for losses sustained by certain municipal regulations directing the removal of Vessels from the Harbour in consequence of an expected invasion was read & refered to the Committee on Wharves

A Letter from Cornelius Ray & Anthony L Bleecker resigning their office as loan Officers for the City & County was read and their resignation accepted

A Petition of Paul T Niles & Benjamin Wark for appointment of Measurers of Grain—and from Bazil Bartow to be appointed a Measurer of Bales, Boxes &c were read & refered to a Committee appointed to determine the number of Measurers to be appointed viz Mr Smith Mr King

A complaint of sundry Inhabitants agst a Still House in Crosby Street occupied by Mr Dryer which from the flakes of fire consstantly thrown from the chimney endangered the adjacent houses was refered to the City Inspector with directions to lay the same before the Grand Jury

A Petition of Reuben Wright to be appointed Weigh master—and of Nathaniel Nott to be appointed Inspector of wood were refered to the Committee on applications

[145] A Petition of Francis Woodworth for payment of Sum assessed to him for damages in opening 3d avenue and from James Rushton for ground for opening 1st & 3d avenues & 13th Street, were refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well in Mulberry Street between Cross and Bayard Street was read & refered to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner—And a petition for a Well in Delancy Street free from expense was rejected.

A remonstrance against the law prohibiting the use of fire on board of vessels loaded with Hay &c was read and refered to the Committee on the fire Department

A Communication was received from the clerk of the Common Council stating that a number of papers belonging to the board were in the office of the clerk of the City and County, and suggesting the propriety of directing him to employ some person to examine and select those belonging to the Corporation; was approved of.

A Request of Joseph De la Croix for the loan of the Transparencies exhibited at the celebration of peace to be displayed in his gardens, was read and granted on condition that they are returned uninjured

[146] A Petition of Joseph Acker (a Minor) for a Cartmans License was read and rejected

A Petition of Archibald Smith for payment of Balᶜ due him for regulating and paving Sullivan Street from Spring to Broome Street was refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Effingham Schieflin praying that the Common Council would take measures for payment of land belonging to him included in the public square called the Grand parade was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Amand Lavaud stating that he had been greatly overrated in the tax imposed upon him and praying relief, was read and refered to the Committee appointed on similar applications—viz Alderⁿ Smith Alderⁿ Mapes Mʳ Jones

Petitions for vaults from Robert Donaldson at Nº 46 John Street —& from Thomas Hewitt in Reed Street—were refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant on the usual terms

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

[147] Hose Compʸ Nº 1.

Thoˢ B Barker—Mechanic—61 Mott St. 6 Wᵈ vice E Jennings resgᵈ

F. Eng Compʸ Nº 20

Thoˢ Ronalds, bookbinder, Nº 30 Lumber St 3ᵈ Wᵈ vice Peter Aymar F Warden

Alexʳ Wiley, Stonecutter, Murray St 5 Wᵈ vice Wᵐ Brower removed

F Engⁿ Compʸ Nº 33.

Abraham Halsey, Carpenter—Delancy St 10 Wᵈ vice Benjⁿ M Banks resᵍᵈ

A Communication was received from the Comptroller stating that a considerable portion of land and water, between Dover Street wharf and the new Slip was in possession of persons who had not taken out grants or paid quit rent and recommending some measures to be adopted in the premises—Whereupon the same was refered to the Council Street Commissioner and Comptroller

The Comptroller presented a report recommending the establishment of signal poles, which was approved & refered to him to make the requisite arrangements

The Comptroller suggested the propriety of making a new contract with the Printers of daily papers respecting printing the advertise-

ments of the Common Council—which was approved and refered to him to make the contracts

Upon the report of the Attorney Penalties were remitted to Captns Ely—Smith—Gibbs—McElwain & Churchward incured by them by not reporting [148] passengers agreably to law

The Counsel presented to the Board for execution a Lease to Thomas Tripler & Hector Craig for Lot No 24 Peck Slip—which lease had been drawn in pursuance of the order of the board on the petition of Henry Fanning—and he suggested that this lease be delivered as an escrow and held by him, until the surrender of the old lease by Mr Fanning and the execution of the counterpart of the present one by Messrs Tripler and Craig

Which was directed to be executed agreably to said report

He also presented Leases to charles Dobbs and Waters Furman for the Street manure for the ensuing year to 1 May 1816 drawn pursuant to the Resolution of the Board—which were directed to be executed

He also presented a revised ordinance for the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets which he recommended to be passed before the leases to the Street Contractors be executed, as it imposes certain additional duties upon the contractors, and more particularly defines their general duties. The Counsel had stated these alterations to the contractors Messrs Dobbs & Furman who expressed their assent to the same.

which was passed

He also presented a Memorial to the Legislature & Bill corresponding therewith—"relative to fire limits" "to the opening of public squares & Places—and to the erection [149] of wooden Ferry houses, which were approved and directed to be duly authenticated and forwarded to the Legislature

He also presented a law to regulate the sale of Butter and lard, which was refered to the Committee on laws—And a law to regulate the mooring or anchoring of Vessels on the East River the consideration of which was postponed until the next meeting of the board

The Street Commissioner presented a communication on the subject of continuing Hudson St until it united with the 8th avenue as formerly recommended by a Committee, but which had been postponed being acted upon from particular reasons, he now recommended its reference to a committee—which was agreed to and the same was refered to the Committee on Surveys

He also stated that as the 3d Avenue would after the 1st of May be opened from the Bowery to Harlaem River he recommended that a profile should be made of it also that it should be determined in what mode the avenues and Streets should be worked, which report was refered to the Street Commissioner

He also presented a report on continuing South Street from Beekman Slip to Stevens's Wharf the consideration of which was postponed

He also presented an ordinance for making Washington Street from Spring to LeRoy St [150] the consideration of which was postponed

He also presented an ordinance for building a drain in pearl Street from Beekman to Burling Slip which was passed and William Stilwell Thos C Taylor & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Michael Allison	Owr	Lot No	218	Church St
Joseph Price	Occt	Do	Do	Do
Jno Huyslop	Owr	Do	220	Do
Michael Allison Joseph Price	Owr Occt	nuisce	218.	Do
John Huyslop Jacob Simmons Charles Tredwell	Owr Occts	Do	220	Do
Jas Waterman		Do	32	Lumber
Mrs Beekman Chrystopher Groyer	Owr Occt	Do	76	Roosevelt

Which were passed

The following Resolution was presented by Alderm Fish and unanimously agreed to

Whereas it is the privilege of public bodies and of individuals, impartially to examine the conduct of public functionaries and to express such feelings as have been inspired, during a long series of official duties—And whereas true policy and the public interest dictate, that in reviewing the past conduct of public agents their services should be publicly acknowledged & applauded [151] as a just tribute to merit, and as an honorable incentive to future conduct in the discharge of public trusts therefore

Resolved that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the Honl DeWitt Clinton late Mayor of this City for his able and

faithful discharge of the various duties of the Mayoralty particularly for his prompt, judicious, and impartial administration during a period of war, and for his candour and intelligence, as the presiding Officer of this Board

Alder[n] Fish—Munson—Mapes—were appointed a Committee to wait upon M[r] Clinton and present to him a copy of said Resolution

The Deputy Street Inspector on the petition of Amos Broad Reported, that he can see no reason why the penalty incurred by M[r] Broad should be remitted he having totally neglected to comply with the requisition repeatedly made to him to clean the walk in question from snow or to render the passing secure by sprinkling the *the* Ice with sand or ashes

(Sig[d]) Cha[s] E Duncan

Which was approved

The lamp Committee Reported

That they have maturely considered the subject of the Watchmen being employed to light the lamps and they find so many difficulties in the way of this plan as to render it impossible to put it in [152] execution. But the Committee recommend that the Watchmen be directed to extinguish the lights at an hour which shall be appointed by the Superintendant of lamps; and that it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Lamps; to give a written notice to the Captain of each Watch of the time when the lights are to be extinguished, and that the Captains of the Watch be directed to see that the Watchmen regularly & faithfully perform the above duty

(Sig[d]) Peter M[c]Cartee
Reuben Munson
Isaac S Douglass

Which was disagreed to—The Committee were discharged from the further consideration thereof and the subject was refered to M[r] King Alder[n] Buckmaster Alder[n] Lawrence

Whereas sundry Memorials from this Corporation highly important to the interests of this City are now pending before the Hon[l] the Legislature—Resolved that Alderman Mapes be requested to repair forthwith to Albany to take charge of and endeavour to forward the passage of those bills concerning the interests of this City which are now pending before the Hon[l] the Legislature of this State

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter he had received from the Hon[l] P W Radcliff [153] A Senator from the Southern District of the State dated 14[th] March 1815, informing that a Bill

had passed the house of Assembly and was then before the Senate altering the time for holding the election of charter officers of this City and fixing it for the last tuesday in April the time of the General election of the State. Whereupon—Resolved that such alteration of the time of holding the said election for charter officers meets the approbation of this Common Council. The Common Council trusting however, that no other alteration will be made respecting the same without their express consent.

The Street Commissioner reported—That Peter G Stuyvesant had two frame Houses fronting on Stuyvesant St parts of which were taken and allowed for by the Commissioners of estimate & assessment for opening the third avenue—Some months since Mr Stuyvesant [removed] all those parts of said Houses which stood in the avenue without any liberty for that purpose & placed them on his own ground, altho' requested by the Street Commissioner to desist from such removal, as it had become public property, by his having been awarded the full amount of his damage

He has now received his award for damages & refuses to pay for the property he has taken stating that the Corporation may take what course they please respecting it

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

[154] Which was read & refered to the Council with directions to take the necessary steps to recover the property taken by Mr Stuyvesant

The Committee to whom was refered the petition of Henry Titus reported That they recommend an extension of the lease to said Titus for 21 years from the first day of May next at the rent which he now pays provided that good fireproof houses be erected thereon and no stable be permitted to be built unless by the order and under such restrictions as the Common Council shall prescribe

(Sigd) Peter McCartee
J Mapes
Thos R Mercein
Isaac S Douglass

Which was approved

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that the ramparts lately erected on the Battery may be levelled and the same put in order, was read—The following Report from the Battery Committee. on the same subject was read (viz)

The Committee who have heretofore had charge of the Battery

may perhaps be censured should they not as early as convenient call the attention of the Common Council to that beautiful promenade

The Citizens did voluntar[il]y & without murmur relinquish in a great measure [155] the pleasure they were accustomed to enjoy there, and now that the war is over and the necessity for occupying the Battery any longer for military purposes thereby ceases they will doubtless require to be again gratified with the amusement formerly enjoyed and will expect that those grounds be again taken under the care of the corporation and regulated with such taste as they may be susceptible of Did your Committee presume any arguments necessary to prove the propriety of some measures being taken in relation to this subject they need only recapitulate the observations which are daily made by every citizen and which must be familiar even to the members of the Board

The present Bulkhead on the North River is in such a ruinous state as to render a repair almost as expensive as an entire new one. The occupation also of the shoal extending along the outside of the old Bulk Head is extremely desirable. It will considerably and at little encreased expense enlarge the area of this pleasure ground and thus accomodate the encreased population of the City more conveniently than heretofore The Season is rapidly advancing and whatever improvement is contemplated should be immediately executed.

Your Committee therefore suggest the propriety of erecting a new Bulk Head on the North River Side to extend from [155A] the point of the Battery in a right line to the Westerly angle thereof, opposite where the old Flag Staff formerly stood, and of appropriating the ground which will be taken from the Government House lot whenever regulated to the filling up such new requisition. By this arrangement not only the entire saving of repairing the old ruinous Bulk Head will be made but also a convenient deposit will be provided for this surplus Soil

Your Committee further recommend filling up the Ditches which the erecting of the Parapets which now encumber the Battery, have occasioned, levelling and regulating the walks—manuring and sanding the soil and otherwise improving the grounds

All which is respectfully submit[d]

(Sig[d]) Peter Mesier
J Mapes

[155B] Doors Closed

The Comptroller presented to the Board the sealed proposals which he had received for leasing the public Docks and Slips for the ensuing year

Which were severally opened and Edward Hitchcock having offered the sum of twenty two thousand eight hundred and fifty Dollars for the same the said offer was accepted and the Counsel was directed to prepare a lease for the same upon sufficient security (to be approved by the Comptroller) being given by Mr Hitchcock for the faithful performance of the conditions of the said lease

[156] The Comptroller reported

Acctˢ paid since the last Meeting

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown "	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs "	504.87
Willis & Van Dyck	370.75
D S Jones for Acct of Patrick Welsh	118.02
Robt Graham for enforcing Sunday laws	26.00
J Tallman " " " "	26.00
	$2361.64

Which were agreed to

He further reported

Cash in the Treasury	28170.63
Warrants not presented	5467.72
	$22702.91

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

P R Sprainger for enforcing Sunday law	28.00
P B[e]cannon Inspr bread to 1st March	98.60
W Dusenburry enforcing sunday laws	26.00
J Leonard furnishing list passengers 6 mo to 5 Febv	25.00
A Woodward Asst City Inspr to 15th Inst	62.50
P Burtsell for stationary for Mayors Office to 11 Feb	60.25
B Skaats ringg Bells celebran peace & cleaning Hall	63.37
Hays Burjeau & other peace officers for extra attendance Dinner Genl Brown & the night of Illumination	46.50
The Comptroller to pay U S. Tax property at Brooklyn	12.55
J D Vecchio for 2 large picture Frames	220.00
J Brown for music on 27th Febv	64.00
W Peck for Rockets &c for illumination	552.94
Jamison Cox Special Justice to 13 March	41.09
C Schulte " " " "	41.09

B Cruger 1 Qr rent to 1 Febv for Lot for Eng Ho. Beaver St.....	26.25
[157] J Wallace Supdt reprs 1 Qr Salry to 10 Inst.....	225.00
J Richardson for cleans wells.....	64.11
H Brush repairs to pumps.....	81.00
J Highams award opens 3d avenue.....	268.45
Wm Brady " " "	66.53
R Furman Supdt Alms House.....	5000.00
J Smith Junr reprs to Engns to 14th March.....	1870.50
A Sanders award opens 3d Avenue.....	3600.00
J Delacroix Fireworks illumination.....	1500.00
J Wallace for repairs.....	500.00
J McComb contingt expenses illumination.....	2000.00
Tyler & Bloodgood to redeem Corpn Money.....	3000.00
	$19543.73
Balance.....	$3159.18

[158] In Common Council April 3d 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
George Buckmaster		Daniel E Tylee	
William Few		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		Noah Brown	

Richard Riker Esqr produced a Commission to him under the great Seal of the State appointing him Recorder of the City of New York bearing date 6 March 1815—and—took his seat at the board

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A recommendation of Andrew Bodle for appointment of Assistant to the Captain of City Watch. And a Petition of Anna Bancker complaining of the riotous conduct of persons near her dwelling in Cherry Street corner of Clinton Street and praying a Watchman to be stationed there, were read and refered to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Amos Broad and others complaining of riotous conduct at the Church in Rose St [159] was read and refered to the justices of Police

A Petition of John Park to be permitted to assign lease of lot No 4 Peck slip was read and refered to the Comptroller

A Petition of George Hutton for Butchers stand in the Fish market of Washington Market was read & refered to the market Committee

A Petition of Francis Gantz to be permitted to place ways in the Street for the purpose of launching a Vessel, was read and refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the ward with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner

A Petition of Anthony Lamb praying that certain Lots on the East side of Columbia Street may be filled up was read & refered to the St Commissioner

A Petition of Aaron B Jackson for appointment of Weigher of Hay, at the cross Roads in place of George Wilson resigned—with the resignation of George Wilson were read and the Petition granted

A Petition of John B Murray for remission of a penalty incurred in not complying with an ordinance respecting a nuisance was refered to the Attorney with power to remit the same

[160] A Petition of Joshua Jones requesting that Pier N° 14 may be examined & repaired was refered to the Committee on Wharves

A Petition of Robert A Bartow for appointment of Weigh Master was read & granted

A Petition from Charles W Ivers for appointment of Measurer was read and refered to the Committee on that subject (vide page 144)

Petitions of William Beatty—Matthias Mount & Cornelius Bennett being Minors for license as Cartmen were read and refered to the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer if in his opinion proper, taking security for their due performance of duty

A Petition of John Bartow Jun[r] to be appointed a Weigh master was read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Remonstrance of the Inhabitants residing in the Bowery between pump & Hester Street against paving the Street at their expense was read and refered to the St Commissioner

Ordered that the subject of paving the west side of coffee house slip be refered to the Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying [161] the establishment of a ferry at the foot of Duane Street was refered to the Ferry Committee

A Petition for paving Walnut St[r]eet from Cherry Street to Water Street was refered to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Gouverneur

Street praying some further regulations in said Street was read and refered to the Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the First Ward praying that a small market may be erected on the North East point of the block between Pearl & Bridge Street—*which* was read and refered to Alder^{n} Mapes M^{r} Lorillard M^{r} Tylee

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 2

Arza Avery, Shoe maker 29 Henry St, 7th W^{d},
vice David Lewis res^{gd}

F Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 41

Solomon H Marsh, Shipwright 13 Suffolk St, 10th W^{d}
vice Sam^{l} James do

David B Hoyt, Cab^{nt} maker, Grand St 10 W^{d}
vice Christian Hempstead, do

Charles Garret, rope maker, Stanton St 10 W^{d}
vice John Vincent do

The City reported drafts of ordinances for correcton [162] of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Caleb Crane	Lot on Anthony St	
James Adams, Francis M^{c}Rowan	Nuis^{n} N^{o} 30	Chapple S^{t}
Thomas Green, Joseph Rodgers	do	227 Greenwich S^{t}
Jane Wilkinson	do	37 Warren S^{t}

Which were passed

The Council presented a lease to Edward Hitchcock for the public docks Wharves & Slips for the ensuing year drawn agreably to the directions of the Common Council, which was directed to be executed

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner—on the Petition for opening Amos Street, reported that the prayer of petition should be granted, which was approved

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Archibald Smyth reported that the facts set forth therein are true and recommended that a Warrant be passed for petitioner for $481.$^{58}/_{100}$ which was approved

Upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich Village the Street Commissoner reported

That the evil complained of (viz^{t}) the impassable state of Green-

wich Street to foot passengers at certain Seasons) will be done away when the contemplated [163] opening of Hudson Street, and the regulation of Washington Street is effected—particularly the latter, which will pass over a gravelly soil to the State prison and consequently dry at all seasons of the year, measures have already been taken for the purpose, and the petitioners will be accomodated in the course of the ensuing Summer

(Sig[d]) Jno M[c]Comb. St Coms[r]

which was approved

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well in Mulberry St between Cross & Bayard St which was passed and William Stillwell—Ezekiel Bishop & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors He also presented the assessment for improving Pearl Street Stone St and the Street leading to Old Slip with the objections of Estate of Duffie Watson—C Ray—& John Shute thereto which were refered back to the assessors

He also presented a return of Delinquents upon the assessments for regulating Goerck St—Bancker Street and for widening Frankfort Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same

Upon the report of the attorney penalties were remitted to Capt[ns] Davis—Lyon—Aderton Whipple—Berg—Dexter — Magoffin — Block and de sousa incurred by not reporting passengers agreably to law

[164] The Finance Committee presented the follow[g]

Resolved that John Pintard & Thomas Franklin shall be entitled to receive as a compensation for their services, for the signing &[c] of the small Bills issued for change by order of the Board at and after the rate of three dollars for each and every twelve hundred signatures by them made to the said Bills, and that W[m] M[c]Neal be entitled to receive at the same rate for every twelve hundred Bill[s] so numbered by him.

And that Jn[o] Bloodgood D E Tylee and the said W[m] M[c]Neal be entitled to receive each of them, the sum of Two Dollars per day for each and every day that they may have been or shall be employed in cancelling said Bills

Sig[d] Augus H Lawrence
Reuben Munson
A L Underhill
J Mapes

Which was approved and the compensation directed to be allowed

The Finance Committee Street Commissioner & Comptroller presented a report on the subject of the disposal of the grounds lately purchased from the State and the U. S. near the Battery which was read and the consideration postponed until monday next

The Committee appointed to wait upon the Hon[r] DeWitt Clinton and to present to him [165] a copy of the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Board reported that they had performed the duty assigned to them and that M[r] Clinton had made the following reply

To the Com Counc[il] of
the City of New York

Gentlemen

Having had the honor of receiving a Resolution of your Board, expressing your approbation of my conduct during my official connexion with you, I should do injustice to my feelings, were I not to return my respectful acknowledgements for this signal proof of your regard. Having uniformly experienced from you the most polite attentions and the most friendly treatment, I am happy to learn that my endeavours to reciprocate your kindnesses have been duly appreciated

At a time when we were threatened with invasion, when we were totally destitute of defences by land, and when all other resources had failed, you did not shrink from the dangers that menaced nor succumb under the difficulties that assailed us: On the contrary, you met the crisis with firmness, with intelligence, and with patriotism

You appealed to the public spirit of our fellow citizens; you drew forth the resources of the City you supplied ample funds; gratuitous assistance was liberally furnished not only from this place but from the neighbouring Counties, & even from the [166] adjoining States. In a short time, we were provided with ample means of resistance; and there can be no doubt but that this important section of the Country was, under the blessings of Heaven, indebted for its safety, at that trying time, to the wisdom of your counsels and to the energy of your measures—In all other cases I have found you equally solicitous to promote the public prosperity; and I am persuaded that you will not suspect me of egotism or flattery, when I say that the most pleasing recollections of my future life will in all probability, arise from my cordial co-operation on those occasions—I feel also satisfied, that you will not consider it obtrusive in me to suggest, that the return of peace and its attendant blessings, has enabled you by patronizing the arts and sciences & encouraging the cultivation of the human mind, to elevate

still more the character of this great community, and to erect imperishable monuments of public utility (Sigd) DeWitt Clinton

Which was directed to be inserted at length on the minutes

The law to regulate the mooring of Vessels in the East River was called up and refered to the Street Commissioner to report a plan of the boundaries mentioned in the law

The Common Council having been informed [167] that Capn Jacob Jones had arrived in the City it was Resolved that the Common Council will assemble on Thursday next at 12 OClock to confer upon him the Freedom of the City voted to him by a former Resolution of the Board

The Comptroller reported

Accounts paid since last Meeting of the Board

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	"	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs	"	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck	"	339.50
		2129.75

Which were agreed to

He also reported

Cash in the Treasury	$23611.30
Warrants not presented	5489.78
	$18121.52

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

J Bloodgood Coroner to 10th Mar	506.13
M Ackerman Keepr Potters field to 1 Apl	46.50
Wm McIntosh Street Inspr to Do	54.00
C E Duncan " " " "	54.00
H W Peckwell " " " "	54.00
J Tallman Asst City Inspr	62.00
P Aymar Collr Corpn Revenue to 5 Mar	162.00
N Taylor & Co Sword to Capt Jones	250.00
C D Vecchio 2 large picture frames—McComb & Perry	220.00
C Christian furniture Mayors Office	60.00
St Comsr *Comsr* Expenses widenq Frankfort St	605.35
J Randall Acct his contract settg Monuments	500.00
R Furman Treasr New Alms House	5000.00
Commisr Comn Schools their proporn raisd by Tax	5024.26
J McComb Expenses at Battery	500.00
	$13098.24
Balc	$5023.28

[168] In Common Council April 6th 1815

present The Hon[l] John Ferguson Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Jonas Mapes	Alder[n]	Samuel Jones Jun[r]	Assistants
Augus[n] H Lawrence		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter M[c]Cartee		Anthony L Underhill	
Tho[s] R Smith		Daniel E Tylee	
George Buckmaster		Elisha W King	
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

The Common Council having been informed that Cap[n] Jones was in waiting a Committee consisting of Alder[n] Fish—Lawrence & Mapes were deputed to wait upon him. He was accordingly presented to the Mayor

[169] In Common Council April 10th 1815

present The Hon[l] John Ferguson Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r]	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorrillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter M[c]Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
Isaac S Douglass		Daniel E Tylee	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
Reuben Munson		Arthur Burtis	
		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Charles Smith Lessee of public Slips stating that Mess[rs] Dunlap and Grant claimed a right in the Wharfage of the West side of Peck Slip and requesting an investigation of the claim by the Board was read & refered to the Comptroller & Council

Petitions of David Leavett & of John H Howland for remission of fine incured by shipping flour without being inspected Ordered to be refered to M[r] Underhill Alder[n] Munson Alder[n] Mesier

A Petition of James Dyvart stating that by [170] ill health & losses by fire he is in straightened circumstances and praying relief was read and refered to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of Peter Ogilvie and others for paving Walnut Street from Grand Street to Cherry Street was refered to the Street Commissioner—who reported an ordinance for paving said Street from Grand Street to Bulk Head at Walnut Slip

A Remonstrance of Richard Amos against opening Amos Street, was read & refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

Petitions of Coenrad Jordan & of Daniel Shier to be appointed Superintendant of lamps in place of E Jennings who intends resigning was read and refered to the lamp Committee

A Petition of sundry cartmen praying that the law regulating the sale and Inspection of Fire wood may be so amended that the Inspection fees may be paid by the proprietors of the wood

Ordered to be refered to Mr Brown Aldern Buckmaster Mr King

An Application from Dr David Hosack for permission to dig a Vault in Vesey Street—and [171] from Messrs Irving and Smith—in front of No 120 Water Street were refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant on the usual terms

A Petition of John & Jonathan Jewett praying permission to dig and construct a Cistern at the corner of Pearl & Bancker St was read and refered to the Council with authority, and also to consider & report how far it would be proper to extend the law respecting vaults to similar cases

A Petition of a number of American Seamen who were prisoners of war and who have lately arrived from Bermuda stating their destitute condition & praying some relief, was read & refered to the Collector of the Port, in the mean time it was refered to the Comptroller & Commissioner of the Alms House to take measures for their present relief and a Sum of $150 remaining in the hands of the Comptroller of Donations made last Summer for the purchase of Vegetables for the Militia then in service was directed to be applied to the relief of said Seamen

A Petition for a Well in amity Street near Broad Way & Great Jone's St was read & refered to the Aldern & Asst of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report ordinances

[172] A Petition of Charles Bernard complaining of an excessive Tax imposed on him & praying relief was read and ordered Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Henry White praying to be appointed a measurer was read & refered to the Committee on that subject—viz Aldern Smith Mr King

A Remonstrance from Clement Moore & Samuel Boyd against opening 10th Avenue was read & refered to the Street Commissioner & to Committee appointed to open said Avenue

A Petition of Abraham Lafoy for appointment as keeper of Potters field was read and refered to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Robert Wilson for permission to erect a lime House opposite Lot N° 26 Cherry Street where he is about building a House for M^r Porillon was refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition

A Petition of James Jones late Lessee of public Slips praying an extension of time for payment of $1475 Balance due by him on a Contract for Docks and Slips—Granted to be paid by Installments of 3—6 & 9 Months his present securities remaining liable

[173] A Petition of James Rafferty praying remission of a fine incurred as is said by his Chimney taking fire—was read & refered to the Trustees of the fire department

A Request from Jacob Van Winkle to rent the upper part of the Watch House corner of Wall Street & Broad St was refered to the Comptroller and authority was given to the Comptroller to rent the upper part of said House

The Committee on applications on the petition of Reuben Wright for the appointment of weighmaster reported in favor of Petitioner whereupon he was appointed to that office

The Counsel presented a Conveyance to Cornelius Dubois of the part of the House standing in First Avenue to be removed on or before the first day of July next. Which was directed to be duly executed

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Capt^ns Wood—Bosworth Hallett—Heard & Howland for not reporting passengers agreably to law.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Richard Kingsland		73 Chatham St	
Neuville		141 Chamber St	
[174] Alexander Fisher		143 Chamber	St
Garret ABeel	ow^r	53 Augustus	"
James Gillfeather	Occtp		
David Morris	Occp^t	57 Vesey	"
Garret Abeel	Ow^r		
Charles Thompson & John Waters	occp^ts	55 Augustus	"
John M^cMullen		279 Greenwich	"
J L. Van K[l]eek	Ow^r		
Garet Cozine, Francis Passman	Occp^ts	196 Washington	"

Noah Smith	ow^{r}	Lot W side Crosby St
Barbara Ferdon		23 Warren "
R C Livingston 11 Lots		C^{r} North & Columbia S^{t}

Sundry owners and occupants of Lots adjoining the private alley running from Warren to Chambers St between Greenwich & Washington Streets to cause said alley to be cleaned and the pavement repaired

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Anthony Lamb reported that the facts therein set forth are true and that the evil complained of would have been remedied but that the owner of said Lots could not be found it is now however ascertained that they belong to one Robert C Livingston who resides somewhere in this state—He would recommend that the City Inspector be directed to report an ordinance to have said lots filled up & regulated forthwith & that such ordinance be forwarded to the proprietor

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} m'Comb
St Com^{sr}

[175] Which was approved and the City Inspector reported an ordinance agreably thereto which was passed

The Street Commissioner on the remonstrance of the Inhabitants of the Bowery residing between Pump & Hester Sts against repaving the Street at their own expense reported

That on a particular view of the subject he is of opinion that the memorialists are not entitled to the relief asked for—as he cannot discover that any very material injury has been done to the pavement in that part of the Street, in consequence of its having been made a stand for Waggons & Horses.

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} m'Comb St Com^{sr}

Which was approved.

The Street Commissioner reported an ordinance for paving the Westerly side of Coffee House Slip from Front Street to South Street which was passed—& W^{m} Stilwell—Ezekiel Bishop and Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

He also agreably to order presented a Plan of the Shore along the East River showing the extent contemplated by the "Law to regulate the mooring or anchoring of Vessels in the East River" when the said law was taken up read by paragraphs and passed.

He also presented the report of the Assessors for [176] improving Pearl St &^{c} to whom said assessment had been refered back together

with objections thereto for reconsideration And the assessors having reported that after due examination seing no cause to alter the assessment the same was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented an ordinance for paving Walnut Street from Grand Street to the bulk Head at Walnut Street Slip which was passed and Wm Stilwell—Thos C Taylor & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors

He also upon the Petition that had been refered to him for regulating Gouverneur Street from Division St to the East River reported an ordinance agreably thereto which was passed—& Wm Stillwell Thos C Taylor and Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors

The Clerk of the Common Council informed the Board that as the resignations of Messrs Ray and Bleecker as loan officers has been accepted there will be a necessity of appointing their successors—as the law requires that the loaners be noticed 3 Weeks prior to the first Tuesday of May next

Whereupon Resolved that the former resolution of the Board accepting said resignations be and is hereby rescinded

Alderman Douglass presented a Resolution [177] regulating the fixing of awnings in the Streets which was refered to the St Commissionr

This being the day appointed by law for electing & appointing Inspectors for the ensuing Annual Election the following persons were chosen

1st Wd Wm Nelson Junr Jno Anthon Jeromus Johnson
2d " John W Mulligan John Mott Joseph Curtis
3d " John Bogert Thos L Ogden John W Weyman
4th " Hugh McCormick John Higbie Eldad Holmes
5th " Alexander Hosack Charles Graham Samuel L Mitchell
6th " Stephen Price John Baher Richard L Walker
7th " Beal N Lewis Nevingson Greenard Wm B Crosby
8th " Barent Gardenier James R Manley George B Thorpe
9th " William Brady William Holmes Henry Post
10th " Jameson Cox Stephen Kingsland Christian Schultz

The Comptroller Reported

Accounts paid since last Meeting

DeWitt Clinton late Mayor Salry fr 13 Feby to 13 Mar..... 583.33

Which was agreed to

He further reported

Cash in the Treasury	17334.52
Warrants not presented	6691.16
	$13643.36

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
[178] Miller & Thomas 40 Watch caps	130.00
B Skaats to purchase Wood Watch H. City Hall &c	100.00
S Morton City Inspr & recg Clerk to 5 & 10th Inst	437.50
S McCormick Expense Improvg Park 1 Ap	51.50
T & J Swords printg & materials Corp Bills	761.75
A Corning City Surveyor fr 1 Jany 1814 to March 1815	584.30
W Good award opening 3d Avenue	45.00
T Clarke on account filling in a new Slip at Brooklyn	100.00
Cornelius Dubois award opening 1st avenue	6899.74
Danl E Tylee and Jno Bloodgood for cancelling Corporation Bills	1000.00
E Jennings Supdt Lamps in full to 10 Ap	915.21
	13154.55
Balc	487.71

[179] In Common Council April 20th 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Jonas Mapes	Samuel Jones Junr
Augustine H Lawrence	Jacob Lorillard
Peter McCartee	Anthony L Underhill
Thomas R Smith	Gideon Tucker
Isaac S Douglass	Daniel E Tylee
George Buckmaster	
Nicholas Fish	
Reuben Munson	

The following resignations were received from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Elections and were accepted and the following persons apointed in their place

First Ward

W Neilson resgd Abraham Brinkerhoff apd in his place

3d Ward

J Bogert Thomas L Ogden & John W Weyman resigned and Andrew Raymond—Edmond Elmendorf & Isaac Graham were appointed in their places

4th Ward

Eldad Holmes resgd & Benjn Crane appd in his place

7th Ward

Wm B Crosby " John Hunt " " "

9th Ward

William Holmes " John Y Van Tuyl " " "

10th Ward

Christian Schultz " John Drake " " "

[180]A Communication was received from Moses Cunningham one of the Constables of the 8th Ward stating that he had been honored by the Council of appointment with the Commission of Justice of the peace in and for the said Ward, the duties of which Office were incompatible with his Office of Constable & praying the Board to take the necessary order in the premises—Ordered that the consideration be postponed

A Petition from the Inhabitants residing in vicinity of Burling Slip praying that the Arch at the head of the Drain at said Slip may be altered and that the Pump standing in Pearl Street may be removed, was read and refered to the former Committee on that subject and Street Commissioner

Upon the report of the Committee on Wharves it was Resolved that the said Committee have authority to grant permission to Joshua Jones to extend Pier No 14 to the permanent line upon such terms as should be in their opinion proper

The Street Commissioner presented the follows The Street Commissioner to whom was refered the Resolution offered to the Common Council on the 10th Inst resp[ect]ing Awnings & awning posts Having maturely considered the subject is of opinion that awnings may be so constructed and [181] arranged as to render them at once ornamental and useful instead of being a public nuisance as they heretofore have been from their extreme irregularity. He would therefore submit the following for consideration

First That Awnings made of cloth may be erected in any of the streets of this City & that in all streets of forty feet & upwards in

width such awnings shall be supported by posts placed next to and along the inside of the curb stone with a rail on the top thereof

2d That such posts shall be four inches square with the corners taken off so as to form an octagon to be seven feet in height above the pavement including the Top rail, the rail to be seven inches by three inches square the whole to be plained smooth & painted white

3d That posts and Awnings made in conformity with the preceding section shall not be erected before the first day of April and to be taken down and removed from the Street on or before the first day of November in each and every year and the holes in which such posts have been placed be filled up

4th That the Counsel to the Board be directed to Draft a law in conformity with the foregoing regulations and that a compliance therewith be enforced by suitable penalties

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was approved and the Counsel directed to report an ordinance agreably thereto

[182] In Common Council April 24 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker
Isaac S Douglass		Daniel E Tylee
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis
Reuben Munson		Wm A Hardenbrook
		Noah Brown

Assistants

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved

The resignations of John Anthon & Jeromus Johnson Inspectors of the 1st Ward were received & accepted And John Nitchie & Samuel Tooker were appointed in their places—Mr Samuel Tooker afterwards resigned his appointment which was accepted and James W Lent was appointed in his place

The resignations—of John Mott of the 2d Wd was accepted & George Harsin appointed in his place—of Benjamin Crane of the 4th Ward was accepted & Peter Conrey appointed in his place—of George

B Thorpe of the 8th Ward accepted and [183] Samuel M Thompson appointed in his place

An application was made by Jacob Hays for payment of a ballance due on an Acct for expenses in apprehending certain counterfeitors which was refered to the Committee of Finance with authority to liquidate and settle the same

A Petition of John C King for Stall in Washington Market and of Henry Fagan for Stall N° 30 Fly Market—and also a Petition of sundry Butchers of the Fly Market complaining of sundry persons being permitted to sell meat in the Fish market of the Fly were severally read and refered to the Market Committee

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that Chapple Street may be regulated & paved between Leonard and Canal St was read and refered to the Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

A Petition that Cannon Street may be opened from Grand Street to Stanton St was read & refered to the St Commissioner

A Petition of Ann Stymets praying relief from an assessment for opening Nassau St was read and refered to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the prayer [184] of the petition

A Petition that Washington Street may be regulated and paved from Murray to Barclay Street was read & refered to the St Commissioner

A Petition of Wm Armstrong to be appointed a Measurer of grain was read and granted

A Resignation of Wardle Van Antwerp Inspr of lime was read and accepted—And a Petition of Stephen Ogden to be appointed in his place was read and granted

A Petition that the dock at spring Street basin may be repaired was read and refered to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Thomas & Lewis Hamersley & others praying that the Corporation would delay pulling down the block of Houses at Hanover Square intended to be removed for widening Pearl Street was read and Resolved that the same be delayed until the 15th May next and that the Street Commissioner give notice to the parties interested that the Houses will be taken down at that time

A Petition that Elizabeth Street may be opened to Bleecker Street was read & refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Whitefield Case & of John DelaMontagne for appointment of wood Inspectors [185] were refered to the Committee on applications

A further Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Burling Slip suggesting an improvement in the Drain at that slip was read and refered to the former Committee on that subject and the Street Commissioner

A Recommendation of Mr Hetfield as an Assistant to the Captain of the City Watch was refered to the Watch Committee

A Petition on the subject of awnings was read and the Street Commissioner was authorized to permit awnings to be erected in the City upon the principles of his report to the Board at the last meeting

A Petition from Herman Vosburgh assignee of parts of certain Lots belonging to the Corporation situate in Chatham Street near Duane Street praying that a lease may be made to him for the property now in his possession was read and refered to the Comptroller & Counsel

A Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Abingdon road praying that one of the Streets leading to the North River may be opened and that the grounds of that neighbourhood may have an opening whereby the waters which fall thereon may be discharged was read and refered to the Committee on [186] Surveys & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Thomas W Birdsall Lesse of Lot No 6 Brooklyn and of Samuel Birdsall to whom by permission of the Corporation the said Lot was mortgaged praying liberty to transfer the lease of said Lot to George Van Brunt, was refered to the Comptroller with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition of sundry Boot and Shoe cleaners praying the Corporation to pass an Ordinance prohibiting the cleaning of Boots and Shoes on the Sabbath was read and refered to the Committee on the Sunday law

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Engn Compy No 5

Isaac W Townsend, Acctnt, 29 Liberty St,
2d Wd, vice John Mathews, resgd
Wm J Tillman, Gilder, 111 Wm St 2 " , " Isaac Valentine "

F Engs Comp No 14

Benjn Haight, Mercht 4 Park place, 3d Wd" Jackson Haines "

F Engn Comp No 18

Robert White, Mercht, 265 Pearl 2d Wd " Eppenetus W Walmsersy "

F Engn Compy No 26

John Morrison, Ship Carpenter,
Cherry St 7d Wd " Thos Hinton resgd

F Engn Compy No 32

Asa Drake Cartman,
75 Second St 10th Wd " Benjn Archer "
Azael Simerson Carpenter,
Broome " " " " Elias Mills "
Abraham Salters, Baker, 138 Bowery
8th Wd " Joseph Mills "

[187] Fire Engn Compy No 38

John Hegeman, Grocer,
Cross Roads 9th Wd, " Jno R Thomas "
John Morrell, Carpenr,
Gerard, " " " Wm Gosman "
Able Wheaton, Smith,
Harlaem Rd " " " Saml Vnorden "
William Cox, Innkeepr,
2 M Stone " " " George Wilson "
Joseph Brantenham, Manufacr,
Bowery 8th Wd " John Gallispie "

Permission was given to Robert Stewart to occupy a part of Lombardy Street and John Pell part of Pump Street while erecting their Houses under the directon of the Alderman & assistant of the Ward

The Assistant of the 8th Ward & Street Commissioner on the Petition of Richard Amos reported

That they recommend that petitioner be permitted to occupy that part of Amos Street now enclosed and improved as a Garden until the first of October next which will enable him to remove the crop of vegetables now growing thereon without loss particularly as no great inconvenience to the public will arise thereby

(Sigd) Arthur Burtis
Jno McComb St Comsr

The Committee on applications on the petition of John Crouter reported That they have carefully investigated said petition and finding the facts therein stated to be true recommend him to be appointed Inspector of wood for the State prison Dock

(Sigd) Isaac S Douglass
A L Underhill

[188] Which was approved and he was appointed Inspector of Fire Wood for the State prison Dock

The Committee on the petitions of Michael Songue James Johnsoton & others reported

That they have attentively considered the merits of the several applications and while they feel satisfied that there is much hardship in several of the cases, regret that it would be improper for this Board to interfere. It would be setting a dangerous precedent in the opinion of your Committee, opening a door for numberless applications of a similar nature and in the end would doubtless subject the Corporation to many impositions which would never be discovered

These considerations induce your committee to report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Smith
J Mapes
S Jones Jun^{r}

Which was approved

The Committee on the petition of William Levitt reported That they have enquired into the merits of said petition and recommend that the Corporation restore to the Petitioner their proportion of flour so seized or the value thereof The Inspector of flour having signified his consent thereto

(Sig^{d}) A L Underhill
Reuben Munson

Which was approved

[189] The same Committee on the petition of J H Howland reported as their opinion that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition Which was approved

The Street Commissioner on the petition of James Rushton reported That the Commissioners of estimate & assessment for opening 3^{d} Avenue having fully considered M^{r} Rushtons case—and whose report has been confirmed by the Supreme Court he therefore presumes the Common Council can have nothing to do with the business

(Sig^{d}) John M^{c}Comb St Com^{r}

Which was approved

The Committee on Surveys & St Commissioner on the subject of opening Hudson Street reported—That having been on the ground and carefully examined the different lines proposed, are unanimously of opinion that Hudson Street, ought to be continued in a direct line from where it is now opened at Christopher Street to greenwich lane

with a view of applying to the next Legislature for power to extend it through until it intersects the Ninth Avenue between 14th & 15th Streets as is particularly shewn on a Map. presented

(Sigd) Peter Mesier
Nicholas Fish
Arthur Burtis
Jno McComb St Comsr

[190] Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well in Division [Street] between the Bowery and first Street—And an Assessment for a Well in Chamber St between Broad way & Church St which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

The St Commissioner & Commissioners on the subject of the 9th & 10th avenues, reported that having examined the objections stated in the memorial of Messrs Moore & Boyd refered to them against opening that part of the Tenth Avenue which lies on the margin of or intirely on the Waters of the North River and having viewed the premises are united in the belief that neither the public Interest nor individual convenience require at this time, nor in all probability will for many years to come, the making that part of the 10th avenue objected to—Your Committee are of opinion that it will be more advisable in pursuing the intended improvement to open the 9th avenue from Greenwich Lane to the northerly side of 28 Street, to open the last named Street from that avenue to the 10th avenue and thence to the River—And the 10th Avenue from this north to the northerly side of 71st Street. This course would in the opinion of your Committee make a more valuable improvement and avoid nearly two thirds of the expense which will attend the original undertaking by rendering it unnecessary to interfere with the improvements of Messrs Lenox & Catteril, as the cross Street in question passes North of these improvements & joins the river in a favorable [191] situation for a landing which appears wanted in that vicinity. The only buildings in the way of continuing the 9th Avenue as recommended above are Mr Boyds Stable and a part of Mr Moores House, the first would cost but triffling to remove the last might be permitted to remain, and thereby avoid any expense on that account, as the avenue in front of it would be seventy feet in width—by this arrangement a very considerable expense may be avoided as Mr Moore will claim no damage for his building if such permission is agreed to, they are therefore of opinion that the proposed alteration will if adopted promote the public interest as well as that

of the proprietors thro' whose lands these Avenues and Street will pass

Sig[d] Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Coms[r]
Gabriel Furman
Jotham Post
George Ireland

Which was approved

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Tho[s] Gardner	Lot to be dug out		Mulberry St	
John Little	ow[r]			
F Geraghty. Pat[c] Gore. Michael Gilfeather	occ[pts]	52	Duane St	
Same ow[r] & occp[ts]		D[o]	D[o]	nuis[c]
Elizabeth Glover	ow[r]	115	Chamber	D[o]
Graham	occp[t]			
Baltus Moore	ow[r]	134	cherry	d[o]
Daniel Magee	occp[t]			

Which were passed

The Attorney presented the following

[192] The Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to communicate to the Board that M[r] Peter G Stuyvesant has agreed to submit to arbitration the question of the amount of damages sustained by the Corporation in consequence of his removal of the buildings formerly belonging to him from the First Avenue—As the Board have directed the subscriber to commence a Suit against M[r] Stuyvesant to recover the property or damages from him the Counsel deems it fit to make this communication to the Board for their sanction to the arbitration if they shall see proper to give it—He begs leave to add that an Arbitration has been usually resorted to by the Corporation in similar cases and he sees no objection to one in the present instance

(Sig[d]) D S Jones.

Which was approved and he was directed to appoint a referee on the part of the Board

He also presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation informs the Common Council that inacuracies have taken place in the description of the property which is required for the opening of Hudson Street between Laight Street and Spring Street in consequence of the Surveyor who made the map from which the description was drawn not having separated on his map

the lands belonging to Trinity Church and those belonging to the Lespinard Estate, which are to be taken for the said improvement

This circumstance will render it proper that [193] the present proceedings should be corrected by an application to the Supreme Court at the ensuing term which will commence previously to the next meeting of the Board And the Counsel submits to the Board the propriety of authorizing him to prepare the necessary papers for the purpose and having them authenticated in the interim

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

Which was approved

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captains Howland, George & Attwood for not reporting passengers agreably to law

The Attorney presented a lease to Henry Titus for the House corner of Pearl and Chatham Street which was directed to be duly executed. He also presented "A Law to regulate the construction of cisterns in the Streets" which was passed

He also presented agreably to directions of the Comptroller an Assignment of a lease of Corporation Lot of John Parks to Elisha Faxen which was ordered to be duly executed

On motion of M^{r} King Resolved that for the purpose of enabling Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catharine Slip to make the improvements mentioned in the report of the Committee of the 27th June 1814 that a Sum not to exceed Six thousand Dollars be advanced & loaned [194] by this Corporation to said Bowne to be repaid by him by equal yearly instalments with legal Interest at 7 per cent per annum during the continuance of his present lease of the said Ferry and upon his executing Bonds with sufficient security for the payment of the same accordingly

It having been represented that M^{r} Blackwell had obstructed the road of Hellgate ferry on the long Island side by erecting a fence across the said Road it was ordered that the Counsel take legal measures for removing said obstructions

The Commissioner of Excise presented as Sureties in the Bond to be given by him on receiving the fees for Tavern Licenses Abraham E Brower and Lawrence Warner—The consideration of which was postponed

The Report of the finance Committee on the subject of the disposal of the grounds lately purchased from the State of New York and from the U S near the Battery was called up—Two memorials from

sundry Citizens remonstrating against a disposal of the whole of the said grounds was also read—After some time spent on the consideration of the said subject it was resolved that the further consideration be postponed until monday next when a special meeting should be held to consider the same

[195] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	31234.47
Warrants not presented	10000.00
	$21234.47

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown "	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs "	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck "	339.50
J Macomb St Comsr 1 Qr to 12 April	375.00
Prior	93.75
A Woodward Asst City Inspr to 1 May	90.75
W McIntosh St Inspr to 1 May	50.00
W M Summers Inspr Bread Ap 8th	50.00
Charles P Duncan St Inspr to 1 May	50.00
H W Peckwell " "	50.00
S Walker posting Bills	12.50
L Persiany for mud machine or Come	192.84
R Kirkpatrick balc award opens 3d avenue	135.00
M Scriber " " "	220.00
J Eastmond " " "	826.23
F Woodward " " "	795.41
S Hitchcock " " "	4879.50
M Reid for Instlmt well & pump Bayard St.	86.00
Do " " " " Chamber "	105.50
Do " " " " Division "	102.21
H Brush reprs to pumps	40.19
J Richardson " " Wells	74.36
John Fine " "	80.91
E Sickles award opens Nassau St	3125.44
W Stilwell & others Sundry Assessmts	91.08
[196] John Bailey paving Intersections of Streets	44.00
Conrad Jones repairs to lamps	11.00
Joel West spirits turpentine for do	24.00
R Furman for Alms House & Bridewell	5000.00
J Macomb on acct of repairs to Battery	500.00
A Hardenbrook on acct Bill engines & reprs	800.00
	20085.42
Balance	$1149.05

The Board adjourned to meet on Monday next at 4 OClock

[197] Special Meeting In Common Council April 25 1815

present The Hon[l] John Ferguson Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r]	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Isaac S Douglass		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter M[c]Cartee		Daniel E Tylee	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	

Samuel Toocker was appointed Inspector of the First Ward in place of James W Lent declining to act

[198] In Common Council May 1[st] 1815

present The Hon[l] John Ferguson Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r]	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorrillard	
Peter M[c]Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
George Buckmaster		Daniel E Tylee	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		Arthur Burtis	
		Anthony L Underhill	
		Noah Brown	

The Board met agreably to adjournment

The Counsel presented an assignment of Lease of Lot at Brooklyn from Thomas W Birdsall to George Van Brunt which was directed to be executed

An Invitation from the Trustees of St Peters Church to attend the consecration of the Cathedral of St Patrick on Thursday next was read & accepted

A request from the same for a loan of a chair was read and directed to be complied with

A Petition of the Marshalls and Constables for an allowance of $2. per diem while attending the Polls of the election was read and granted

A Petition of the Collectors of the 5[th] & 8[th] Wards for an extension of the time for the collection and [199] payment of Taxes was read and laid upon the table

A Petition of Owners of Hackney Carriages praying the law respecting Hacks may be so amended as to prohibit carriages occupying public stands in the City

Ordered to be refered to the Committee on Laws

A Petition of William Schultz stating that he had invented an improvement in fire Engines and praying aid to enable him to construct one for an experiment—was read and refered to the Committee on the fire Department and chief Engineer

A Petition of John Ferguson & of Allan Rayse for appointment of wood Inspector was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of John Fitzpatrick for remission of fine for Selling liquor without License was read and refered to the Attorney with authority to remit

A Petition of John M^cLean for a Lamp to be placed in White Street was read & refered to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of James Goodman for a Stall in Washington Market was read and refered to the Market Committee

[200] A Petition of certain Inhabitants of Burling Slip offering a certain Sum for payment of removing the Fire Engine House of N° 13 and erecting another—was read and leave given to withdraw the Petition

A Petition of Richard Varrick requesting permission to erect a vault fronting his Lot N° 13 Nassau Street—And as he had paid large assessments for improvements which had not been made and the Corporation therefor had had the use of large sums of money of his, he requested the permission to erect the vault might be made to him free from expense, was read and Resolved that permission be given to erect the vault—and that the residue of the request be refered to the St Commissioner to report thereon

A Petition of James Marsh for appointment of Assistant of City Watch was read and refered to the Watch Committee.

A Communication from A L Bleecker and Cornelius Ray declining acting as loan Officers was read—Whereupon the Board proceeded to the appointment of Loan Officers for the City and County when John Nitchie & John T Irving were appointed

Alderman Mesier moved that the second section of the law Directing the mode of collecting [201] certain revenues of the Corporation of the City of New York and for other purposes, be repealed Which was agreed to—It was then Resolved that a person be appointed by the Common Council to receive the fees payable on the granting of Tavern Licenses who shall account for the same to the Comptroller and after deducting two percent for his services shall forthwith pay over the residue to the Treasurer or Chamberlain of the City—and that the said person so appointed shall execute a bond with good & sufficient security

for the sum of $7000. payable to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York for the faithful performance of his duty

The Board then proceeded to elect a person for the Office when John L Morton was elected

Resolved that the Finance Committee appointed to liquidate the account of Jacob Hays for expenses in apprehending certain counterfeiters be discharged from that part of their duty and that the Comptroller report a Warrant for payment of the same

The Street Commissioner on the petition for opening and regulating Cannon St between Grand & Stanton Streets reported That in his opinion Cannon Street from Delancy to Stanton Street ought to be filled up and regulated But that it is inexpedient to lay open that part of Cannon Street between Broome & Delancy Streets at present [202] as it will be an expense to the neighbourhood without any great advantage—and very inconvenient to Col[n] Willett as it will pass through his Garden which he claims as his property having never ceded that part of Cannon Street

He would therefore recommend that an ordinance be prepared for filling up and regulating Cannon Street from Delancy to Stanton Street

(Sig[d]) Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Coms[r]

Which was read and agreed to

He also on the petition for regulating & paving Washington Street between Barclay & Murray Sts reported—That Washington Street between Barclay St & Murray St ought to be regulated and paved together with the side walks of the same and that it will become necessary to raise and repave that part of Robinson Street between Greenwich Street and the River so as to conform with the regulations of Washington Street He would therefore recommend that an ordinance be passed for that purpose

(Sig[d]) Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Coms[r]

Which was agreed to

The subject of the disposal of the grounds at the Government House and adjacent to the Battery was agreably to the Resolution of last meeting called up—The memorials on that subject were read. The report of the Finance Committee and Comptroller & St Commissioner (vide page 164) It was then moved that the plan [203] proposed by said report be altered so as that stone Street be continued thro' those grounds to state Street the question having been taken

thereon and a Division called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

affirmative Alder[n] Mesier—Mapes—Buckmaster M[r] Jones—Lorillard—King—Tucker Mann—Brown—9

Negative Alde[n] M[c]Cartee—Smith—Fish—Munson Underhill—Tylee—Burtis—7

M[r] Jones then moved that the plan be further amended by making the Westerly Lot fronting on Broadway and running along State Street to be 125 feet deep—the question being taken thereon it passed in the negative—All the Members but Alder[n] Mesier & M[r] Jones voting in the negative

Alder[n] Smith then moved that the Plan proposed by the Street Commissioner on the supposition that Stone Street would be opened through the grounds be adopted excepting that instead of making 8 Lots fronting upon Broadway as proposed by said plan, there should be but 7 Lots. Which was agreed to

Alder[n] Buckmaster then moved that the Sales of the property should be postponed until the 2[d] Tuesday of April next—The Question being taken thereon & a Division called it passed in the negative Alder[n] Mesier Buckmaster & M[r] Jones voting in the affirmative and all the other Members voting in the negative—It was then agreed that [204] the property should be sold at public auction on the 16[th] inst under the direction of the Comptroller to whom it was committed to devise and settle the terms of sale—The Street Commissioner was directed to lay before the Board at their next meeting a Map or plan of the ground as agreed upon at this present meeting—and the Sales were further directed to be made on condition that the purchasors of the Lots fronting on Broadway and State Street conform in their buildings to such directions as should be given by the Street Commissioner respecting the heights of the several water table & several stories of the buildings and of the depth & breadth—And that a conformity of heighth shall be preserved in the several houses to be erected

The Report of the Finance Committee—Compt[er] & Street Commissioner was in the words following

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[212] In Common Council May 8th 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
George Buckmaster		Wm A Hardenbrook	

The Minutes of the several meetings of the 24th & 25th April & 1st of May were read and approved

A Letter was received from John T Irving Esqr accepting the appointment of loan Officer

A Communication was also received from John Nitchie Esqr accepting of his appointment of Loan Officer—both of which were read

A Petition of Mary Archer praying a Tavern License gratis was read and negatived

A Petition of Daniel Smith for permission to construct a cistern in the Street corner Water St near the Fly Market—And a Petition of George Brinkerhoff for permission to construct a vault in Chamber Street were severally refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the same on the usual terms

[213] Petitions of John Barry and of John Palmer for appointment as Inspectors of Manure of John Sharpe for appointment of Inspector of Lumber—and a petition of Benjamin Wark for appointment of measurer of grain &c were read and refered to the Committee on applications

A request of Samuel Cowdrey for permission to erect a lime House in Cherry St while erecting a Dwelling House—was refered to the alderm & Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant under the usual regulations

A Petition of Erasmus Lewis for appointment of Assistant to Captain of City Watch was read & refered to the Watch Committee

A Petition of John Schuyler for a Stall in Washington fish Market of Stephen Bourdett for stall in Washington Market and a Petition of Jacob Heyer for Stall No 28 Fly Market was read and refered to the Market Committee

A Petition that Liberty Street may be repaved from Broad way to Greenwich Street was read and refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

[214] A Petition of Conrad Jordan for appointment of Superintendant of Lamps in place of E Jennings resigned, was refered to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of Frederick A Tracy for remission of penalty incurred by shipping flour without inspection together with a certificate from William Thorn Inspector of flour stating that from the circumstances of the case he was willing to relinquish his proportion of the penalty incurred, was read. Whereupon Resolved that the proportion of the forfeiture incurred, accruing to this Board be and the same is hereby remitted

An affidavit stating the circumstances under which the flour was exported upon which a penalty has been incurred by J H Howland and for the remission of which he had petitioned the Board, was presented and read—And the same directed to be laid on the Table

A Petition of William Willis for permission to assign Lots N° 3 & 4 Brooklyn to Samuel Carman & Lot N° 2 to Jeromus Schenck was read and refered to the Comptroller with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller has the honor to represent that the referees appointed to estimate and determine the value of the Buildings on the Ground lately obtained from the U States [215] have made an award estimating the same at thirteen thousand Dollars

Col^{n} Post the Quarter master General of this District, who has the deed of cession from the President of the U S. does not feel authorized to deliver it up until the amount of the award is paid it therefore becomes necessary to direct a Warrant to be issued in favor of Justus Post for said sum and as much more as may cover the cost of the Furniture in the house which is not yet valued

(Sig^{d}) Thomas R Mercein

Whereupon Resolved that a Warrant issue for $13000 and that a further Warrant issue for payment of the amount of Furniture wher the same shall be appraized

The Comptroller presented a release to James Arden and William Edgar for commutation of quit rent on a grant of a water lot on 28th October 1765 to Oliver Delancy in trust for the heirs of S^{r} Peter Warren which release was directed to be duly executed

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Kerr & Carlisle	owners	203	William St
Margaret Powers.	Occpt		
[216] James Sargeant	owner	28	Market field St
David Dunham	"	86	Water "
Eli Frost	occpt		
Richard Johnson	owner	28	Nassau
John Hillyer	occpt		
Michael Fagan	owner	130	Chamber
Leggett	"	67	Murray
John Zabriskee	occpt		
Jane Adams	owner	32	Chaple

Which were passed

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E. Compy No 6

John Patterson, Grocer, Murray, St 3d Wd
vice Daniel Pelton resd

No 12

George B Smith, Mor° Dresser 39 Frankfort 4. W.
vice Jn° Mildeberger D°

No 19

William Matthews, Cartman, Second St, 10 Wd,
vice Jacob Lobb D°

No 25

Joseph Thomas, Carpenter, 127 Mulberry, 6 Wd, vice Jas Barton Dead

Chas H Phelps, Mercht, 301 Pearl 2 Wd vice Richd Palmer resd

No 40

Wm Passman, Butcher, Elizabeth St 8th Wd,
vice Geo Cheeseman D°

Jas G Reynolds, H Carpenter, 169 Bowery, 10 Wd,
vice Danl Ward D°

Elijah Sniffen, Cartman, 52 orchard, 10 Wd,
vice Charles Archer D°

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a well & Pump in Mulberry Street between Cross & Bayard Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

[217] He also presented a return of delinquents on assessments for widening Pearl Street between Chatham and Augustus Street—for widening Nassau Street between Wall & Cedar Streets and for widening Murray St between Church and Greenwich Streets Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same

He also presented Ordinances—for repaving Broadway from Vesey to Duane St—For paving Washington Street between the South side of Barclay & the North side of Murray Streets For paving Chaple St between the North side of Thomas & the North side of Leonard Streets—& for regulating Cannon St from Delancey to Stanton Sts—all which were passed and William Stilwell—Thomas C Taylor & Ezekiel Bishop, were appointed Assessors in the first And William Stilwell—Thos C Taylor and Wm Tredwell in the others

He also represented that the ordinance passed on the 18th July last for building piers at Catharine Slip which had been suspended was expired. And he therefore presented a new ordinance on that subject which was passed

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captns Herbert Pintard—& Rhodes incurred by not reporting passengers agreably to law

The Counsel agreably to directions presented [218] a Law relative to Awnings in the Streets which was passed

He also presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board for execution, Petitions to the Supreme Court for the discontinuance of the present proceedings relative to the opening of Ninth Avenue, Fifteenth Street and Tenth Avenue and also Petitions to the said Court for the appointment of Commissioners for opening the Ninth Avenue Twenty eighth Street and Tenth Avenue according to the Plan recommended by the Street Commissioner and the Commissioners of estimate and Assessment and approved by the board

He also presents for execution a Petition to the said Court for the discontinuance of the present proceedings relative to the opening of Hudson Street from Laight Street to Spring Street, and a new petition to the Court praying for that improvement according to the corrected plan of the said improvement as suggested by the Counsel in his communication to the Board on the 24th ult

And he also presents for execution a petition to the said supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners relative to the opening of Hudson Street from Christopher Street to Greenwich lane in con-

formity with the report of the Committee on surveys lately approved by the Board

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

[219] Whereupon the said Petitions were directed to be duly authenticated

The Ferry Committee presented an ordinance to regulate Ferriage at the Ferry of the N York & Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company" which was read and the further consideration postpn^{d}

The following Resolution was presented by Alder^{n} Lawrence

Whereas the amount of one hundred thousand Dollars of Corporation Bills of credit authorized to be issued by this Board on 25 December 1814 has been emitted in conformity with the instructions of the Common Council, and it appears as well from the applications of the monied Institutions as of Individuals that a further issue will be requisite to accomodate the public, until the Banks resume the payment of specie—Therefore resolved that the further Sum of $20000 be issued under the direction of the finance Committee on the same terms & conditions prescribed in the resolution above refered to

The Question being taken thereon and a Division called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 8

Alder^{n} Lawrence — Mapes — Smith — M^{c}Cartee Mess^{r} Tylee — Tucker—Underhill Hardenbrook

Negative 4

*[220] Alder^{n} Mesier Mess^{r} King Lorillard Jones

†Alderman Smith moved that so much of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Common Council respecting the sale of the grounds adjacent to the Government House which directed that Stone Street should be opened through those grounds should be considered. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative. He then moved that Stone Street should not be opened through those grounds but that they should be laid out and sold agreably to a Map or plan then laid before the Board by the Street Commissioner

The question being taken thereon and a Division being called it was carried in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative 10

Alder^{n} Mapes—Lawrence—M^{c}Cartee—Buckmaster Smith—Douglass—Munson—Mess^{rs} Tucker Tylee Hardenbrook

Negative 4

Alder^{n} Mesier Mess^{r} Jones Lorrillard King

* No number in manuscript.—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *202-4*.—Ed.

Alder[n] Mesier then moved that in the Deeds to be given by the Corporation to the purchasors of those Lots a Covenant should be inserted on the part of the Corporation that the vacant grounds belonging to this Corporation on which the Lots front shall never be appropriated to private uses—Which was agreed to

The Commissioner of the Alms House presented the following

[221] Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Alms House and Bridewell of the City of New York showing the number of paupers who have been admitted in the Alms House from the 1[st] day of April 1814 (including those at that time in the House) to the first day of April 1815 and the number discharged, and who died in the House, during the same period; also the number of paupers now in the House, designating their sex and places of birth; the Prisoners and Vagrants in the City Prison or Bridewell The Maniacs in the City Asylum also an account of the Donations distributed amongst the out-door poor, by the Superintendent during the time aforesaid

Paupers admitted in the House from the 1[st] April 1814 to 1[s] April 1815	2661
Discharged 1197 Died 261 Total Disch[d] & Died	1458
Remaining in the House Ap[l] 1 1815	1203

Of which 207 were Men—405 Women—318 Boys—273 Girls—675 of City of N York—73 State of N York—139 U Stats 59. England—29 Scotland 169 Ireland—29 Germany 4 France—4 W Indies—13 Africa. 3—Spain—4 Holland 2 Italy—Total 1203— as above

Number of Vagrants & Prisoners in the City Prison & Bridewell on 1[s] Ap[l] 1815 40 Men 67 Women	107
Number of Maniacs in the assylum at the expense of the Alms House on the 1[s] April 1815 Men 23 Women 25	48

Donations given & distributed to the out door poor from the first day of April 1814 to 1 April 1815 [222] specifying the number of families supplied, and the number of persons of which said Families consist—viz White families 2283 Black 1233 Number of persons of which said families consist 16417

Amount of donations distributed by Sup[dt]

Cash	$1675.94
828 Bar[ls] Flour at $6.25	5175.00
Baking do	1459.00
2393 Loads Wood at $2.89	6915.77
Carting & Distributing do	816.17
78 Bar[ls] Pork at $20	1580.00
17 do Beef " $16	272.00
4540 Bush[ls] Potatoes at 3/6	1986.25

Transporting paupers	182.29
Clothing to out door poor	135.00
Hospital acct supporting Maniacs las[t] 12 Mos	5287.63
Total	$25485.05

Wards in which Cash and Wood was given

	Wood from Alm House	Wood by Com Wards	Total No Loads	Cash to each ward
1st	35		35	83.50
2d	26		26	37.75
3d	47		47	53.75
4th	3	260	263	110.25
5th	56	300	356	89.75
6th	38	350	388	214.25
7th	212	502	714	437.19
8th	70	75	145	268.75
9th	11		11	29.75
10th	41	357	208	354.00
Total	539	1854	2393	1675.94

Sigd Richard Furman Supdt

Which was directed to be printed

[223] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$46459.59
Warrants not presented	13667.41
	32792.18

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the follows Accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown	"	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs	"	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck	"	339.50
I Lofborrow regulats Clock Rutgers St		16.66
W Dusenburry enforcs Sunday Laws 6th Wd		16.00
S McCormick Park keeper to 1 May &c		52.00
Estate D Stilwell Deceasd reprs to Pumps		42.00
J Pell for Standard weights & Measures		89.00
J Bailey pavs sundry Interns Streets		122.23
J Hardcastle printing		172.25
Tunis Quick	Award opens 3d Avenue	853.20
Zeno Weeks	" " "	625.29
Wm L Simers	" " "	196.15
Catharine Hart	" " "	309.00
Catharine Peterson	" "	540.00

William Sickles	Award opens	Murray St		463.84
Jeremiah Drake	"	"	"	686.31
Wm Bunting & others	"	"	"	525.00
P G Hart for A Graham	"	"	"	627.95
Drake Fowler	"	"	3 Avenue	248.12
James Cummings	"	"	Pearl St	1025.00
Estate Jas Stevenson	"	"	Nassau St	7400.00
T & Geo Lovett digging Ditch			Canal St	600.00
Israel Haviland acct leadr & Hose fr Engines pr ord				1123.02
J Mowatt paymt Hamiln Sqr Bond & Int due 1 May				2881.36
[224] Bunell Brown paymt Hamiln Sqr Bond & Int due 1 May				819.61
James Wallace Supdt reprs				500.00
R Furman Alms House & Bridewell				3000.00
D E Tylee & J Bloodgood for redeems Corpn Bill				1000.00
				$26063.74
Balc				6728.44

[225] In Common Council May 16th 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President

Jonas Mapes	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Augustine H Lawrence		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter McCartee		Anthony L Underhill	
Thos R Smith		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		Gideon Tucker	
George Buckmaster		Daniel E Tylee	
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that a Committee consisting of several highly respectable Citizens had communicated to the Finance Committee a wish that the intended sale of the lots adjacent to the Government House might be postponed for a few days as they thought a plan would be proposed more conformable to the wishes of many Citizens and conducive to the public interests than that adopted by the Common Council—And at the request of the finance Committee he had summoned the Board for the purpose of taking the same into consideration

Whereupon it was resolved that the sales of the said property be postponed until Thursday the 25th Instant—it was also further resolved that the further consideration of [226] this subject be postponed until the regular meeting of the Board on Monday next

Mr King then moved that the Board reconsider the last resolution which was agreed to—after some consideration of the subject a motion was made for adjournment and carried

[227] In Common Council May 22d 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President

Jonas Mapes Augustine H Lawrence Peter McCartee Isaac S Douglass George Buckmaster Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldern	Jacob Lorillard Anthony L Underhill Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Daniel E Tylee Asa Mann Arthur Burtis Noah Brown	Assistants

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants for widening the foot walk of Pearl Street was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants praying the removal of two Houses on the corner of Chapple & Leonard St was read & refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward & Street Commissioner

Petitions from Peter Schemerhorn, John Agnew Benjamin G Minturn Joshua Jones & Silvanus Miller for Water grants were read & refered to the Comptroller with authority to grant the same

A Petition of John Van Bussam for permission [228] to construct a cistern at No 49 Partition Street was refered to the Street Comsr with authority to grant

A Petition of Benjamin Disbrow for permission to erect a lime house corner of Mott & Pell St was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Comsr with authority to grant ye same

Petitions of Wm Harriman for appointment of Weighmaster—of Jacob Bekman & John Repose for appointment as Inspectors of bread —and of Samuel Decker as Inspector of manure were severally read & refered to the Committee of applications

A Petition of the American Academy of Arts praying to be accomodated with a room for their statues &c until permanent arrangements are made by the Corporation was read and refered to the building Committee with authority to make the required accomodation

A Petition of sundry Livery Stable keepers praying that that part of the ordinance establishing certain Stands for the Hackney Carriages in the Streets may be repealed, was read and laid upon the Table

A Petition of Jonathan Solomon for permission to keep a Tavern was refered to the Come of Charity

A Petition of Elijah Valentine praying remission of fine incurred

under Sunday law was [229] read and refered to attorney with authority (if facts stated in Petition are true) to remit the fine

A Petition of John White late one of the Captains of the City wat[c]h praying indemnification for costs of a suit brought against him for acts done in discharge of his duty—accompanied by depositions of other Watchmen witnesses to the facts stated in the petition were read Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted and that it be refered to the Committee on Laws to liquidate & settle the amount due and to cause a warrant to issue for payment thereof

A Petition of Rachel Hurdy praying relief was read & refered to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition of Abraham Leggett complaining of certain incumbrances in Front St was read and refered with authority to remove the same To Alder[n] M[c]Cartee Alder[n] Munson M[r] King & St Commissioner

A Petition [of] Ely Smith for extension of time to pay an assessment for improving Nassau St was read and time granted until the first of August upon Petitioners paying Interest on the amount of the assessment till that time

A Petition of Adolphus Loss formerly appointed [230] a City Surveyor that he had been absent from the City for about 18 months & praying a reappointment—was read and ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition of the porters complaining that persons unlicensed were in the practice of carrying articles for pay was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Rob[t] Shaw complaining that he had been compelled to take down his pole which was his sign as a Dyer—was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

John Nitchie presented as his Surety for the performance of his duties as Loan Officer Zachariah Lewis, and John T Irving named as his Surety Gabriel Furman—and the bonds executed by the said parties were approved & accepted of

A Note was received from the Trustees of the Cathedral of St Patrick returning their thanks to the Common Council for their attendance at the consecration of the Cathedral

A request of John Haggerty to be permitted (on account of lameness) to resign his office of Assessor of the 3[d] Ward was read & negatived

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Harlaem praying the Corporation to delay opening *a* [231] a part of 3[d] Avenue to enable them to collect

the grain now growing—was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Patrick Connery for time till 1st June next to remove his buildings from the 3d Avenue was refered to the St Commissr

A Letter from the Inspector of Flour stating that from the circumstances of the case he had remitted the penalty incured by J H Howland in exporting flour without inspection, was read—Whereupon Resolved that the proportion of the penalty accruing to this Corporation be and the same is hereby remitted

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that the Streets adjacent to Rivington St may be further regulated & that Rivington St may be carried out to the Bulk Head & paved was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

Recommendations in behalf of Isaac J Hutchinson for appointment of Inspector of fire wood was read & laid on the Table

A Petition of Samuel Tooker for permission to construct a Vault in front of No 7 Bridge St & to erect a lime House was read & granted on the usual terms

A Petition of Isaac Sebring and others on [232] the subject of the disposition of the Lots at the Government House praying the Common Council that in the Plan which they shall adopt the front line of the Lots may not advance upon Broad Way further than the present enclosure of the Government House—and stating that if the Corporation would consent that the line should recede 26 feet from the present line of the Government House that they would be willing with others to pay their proportion of an assessment for the advantage arising therefrom—Which was laid on the Table to be taken up when the question of the sale of the Lots was under consideration

An application was made on behalf of Abm Valentine & Robert Kidney against whom suits had been brought (for commencing the construction of a vault without permission) for remission of penalty—Whereupon Resolved that the suits against them be discontinued on payment of costs, and that leave be given Mr Valentine to construct a Vault on the usual terms

A Petition of Meyers a minor for License as a Cartman was refered to the Mayor with authority to grant

Upon motion John Atwood was re-appointed assistant to the Captain of the 3d District Watch

The following persons were appointed firemen [233] the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fr Enr. No 13

Thos W Birdsall, Mercht, 25 Cherry St, 4 Wd vice David J. Hubbs resgd
Tredwell Seaman, Do , 166 Water 2 Wd " Geo Hunter Do

No 23

Benjn Griffen, Shoemaker, 8 Rose St 4th Wd
Joseph S Barker, Clerk 166 Chatham 6 Wd
James Sowerby Bookbinr 60 Anthony 5 Wd
Gershom B Valentine Grocer 167 Duane 5 Wd
} additional Men

No 27.

William Whitley, Cartman,
Dessbrosses St, 5 Wd vice Anthony Smith Do
Benjn Townsend, Do Thomson " 8 " " Wm Hevermine Do
Wm McKay Stonecutter Greenwich " 8 " " Wm Passman Do

No 29.

Garrit Tinkey, Carpenter,
Cr Herring & Charles 8 " " David Osborn Do
Abm Wanmaker Do , Charles & Greenh 8 " " Jas Vn Orden Do
John Green rigger, Hammond 8 " " Peter Vn Maker Do
John Westervelt Carpenter Do 8 " " George Storms Do

No 30

Griffith Griffiths, Carpenter, Harman, 7 " " Mattw Vogal Do

No 31

Jas L Hedenberg, Grocer,
Cr Church & Leonard 5 " " Geo Innes Do

No 37

Witman Platt, Cartman, Essex St 10th Wd vice Wm Burton Do
Isaac Vn Evour Butcher
Cr Grand & Orchard 10th Wd " Alex Whaley Do

John L Broome Esqr Clerk of the City & County of New York presented a certificate dated 6th May 1815 stating that from the returns filed in his Office it appeared that at the late Election of Charter Officers for this City the persons herein after named were elected to the offices set opposite to their respective [234] names

John B Coles	Aldern	First Wd
Samuel Jones Junr	Asst	
John Suydam, Gould Hoyt	Assessors	
Robert Graham, Zephaniah Brown	Constables	

Jonas Mapes	Alderm	Second Wd
Jacob Lorillard	Asst	
Israel Horsfield	Assessors	
Eliphalet Williams		
John C Gillen	Constables	
Asa Eastwood		
Augustine H Lawrence	Alderm	Third Wd
Anthony L Underhill	Asst	
Harmanus Tallman	Assessors	
John Hagerty		
George Van Gieson	Constables	
Joshua Green		
Peter McCartee	Alderm	Fourth Wd
Elisha W King	Asst	
David Baker	Assessors	
Thomas Bloodgood		
Peter Hojer	Constables	
Charles Fisher		
Thomas R Smith	Alderm	Fifth Wd
Gideon Tucker	Asst	
Thos J Campbell	Assessors	
John Morss		
John Striker	Constables	
Charles E Kelly		
[235] William Coulthard	Alderm	Sixth Wd
Daniel E Tylee	Asst	
John McClure	Assessors	
Andrew Colvin		
John Strang	Constables	
Lewis Dubois		
George Buckmaster	Alderm	Seventh Wd
Asa Mann	Asst	
David Lyon	Assessors	
Michael M Titus		
John McKibbin	Constables	
Azel Conklin		
William Few	Alderm	Eighth Wd
Arthur Burtis	Asst	
Andrew Bleakley	Constables	
Cornls J Westervelt		
Nicholas Fish	Alderm	Ninth Wd
John H Tallman	Asst	
William Brady	Assessors	
William Holmes		
Silvanus Conklin	Constables	
Ruben Ryder		

Reuben Munson	Alder[n]	Tenth W[d]
Thomas Cooper	Ass[t]	
Amos Clarke, John Hunt Jr	Assessors	
Henry G Disbrow, Nathaniel Nott Jr	Constables	

The Committee of Applications on the petition [236] of Benjamin Wark for appointment of Measurer of grain &c presented a report in his favor which was approved

The same Committee on the petition of Allin Royse presented a report in his favor which was laid upon the Table

The Committee to whom had been refered the Petition of sundry Cartmen praying that the law for Inspection of firewood might be amended so that the fees for inspection be paid by the seller of the wood reported in favor of the petition, which was approved and the council was directed to report an amendment to the ordinance agreably thereto

The Comptroller presented the account of B Skaats for fuel purchased by which it appeared that he had received the sum of $800 and had expended the sum of $756.46 leaving a balance in his hands due the Corporation of $43.54

The Counsel informed the board that the suit of George Peck against them for part of the ground occupied by the Alms House yard was noticed for trial at the ensuing settings & suggested the propriety of associating Council with him. Whereupon it was Resolved that he be authorized to engage additional counsel on the Trial of the case

Upon the report of the Attorney Penalties were [237] remitted to Captain's Mather—Serrill L Forte Thompson, Jocelin, Dupuy—Dillingham—Mott & Brown for not reporting passengers agreably to law

The Council & Comptroller on the petition of H Vosburgh reported that it appears by said Petition that M[r] Vosburg holds a Lease from the Corporation of a Lot of ground on Chatham Street and that Michael Cashman also holds a lease from the Corporation of an adjoining lot on Chatham Street, each of the said Lots being about twenty five feet in width; and that Cashman also holds a lease of a corporation lot fronting on Duane Street and adjoining the above mentioned lots in the rear—that Vosburgh and Cashman have divided the three lots between them in such manner that Cashman is in possession of about twenty feet thereof on Chatham Street and so running thro' to the East side of the Duane Street Lot and that Vosburg is in possession of the residue of the three Lots—and the object of the

petitioner is to obtain a lease from the Corporation for that portion of the three Lotts now held by him

It will be obvious from this statement that the Corporation cannot grant the prayer of the petition, inasmuch as the existing leases to cashman give him rights which the lessors cannot interfere with without his consent—and the application of Mr Vosburg is made without the concurrence of Cashman [238] Besides which the embarrassments of Mr Cashman have possibly placed his property in that situation that even his assent would be insufficient, Independently of which considerations your Committee are of opinion that the subdivision of the lots belonging to the Corporation ought not to be encouraged as such division will eventually render it difficult to find the Lots on the maps of the Corporation property—Your Committee accordingly recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Sigd Thos R Mercein
D S Jones

Which was approved

The Counsel presented for execution assignments from William Willis to Samuel Carman & to Jeromus Schenck of the leases of certain Corporation Lots at Brooklyn which were directed to be duly executed

The Commitee on the Petition for paving Liberty Street from Broad Way to Greenwich Street reported in favor of the petition which was approved & Street Commissioner directed to report an ordinance therefor

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Bulkhead at West Street from Ritters Wharf to Webbs Wharf which was passed

He also presented an ordinance for building a bulkhead across Catharine Slip which was [239] passed and William Stilwell Thos C Taylor & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed Assessors

He also presented an ordinance for paving Murray Street which was passed & William Stilwell Ezekiel Bishop & Wm Tredwell were appointed Assessors

He also presented an ordinance for paving Nassau Street from Cedar to Wall St which was passed and William Stillwell Thomas C Taylor & Chas Stewart appointed assessors

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Jn° ONeil	ow^r	91 Cross St
J R Livingston	"	14 Leonard
D°	"	21 "
D°	"	C^r Orange & Leonard
Freeborn Garrison	"	14 Leonard
George Taylor	agent	
John G Warren	Ow^r	23 "
Ab^m K Beekman	"	633. 634 Bayards E Farm
Society for Man^n Slaves	ow^rs	635 D°
David Campbell	Ow^r	124 Reed St
W^m Cowdrey	occp^t	
W^m Conrey	ow^r	C^r James & Oak St
Abijah Arden	"	5 White
Frederick Babcock	ag^t	
Alex^r Lattin	occp^t	
Abijah Arden	ow^r	3 D°
Frederick Babcock	ag^t	
Mary Arnet		
[240] Rob^t Dickey	ow^r	C^r Provost & Varrick
Samuel Dixon	Occp^t	
Rob^t Dickey	ow^r	2 Varrick
Maria Castine	occp^t	
Rob^t Dickey	ow^r	5 "
David Pulis	occp^t	
Rob^t Dickey	ow^r	7 "
Edward Lunny	occp^t	
Rob^t Dickey	ow^r	Chapple St
W^m M^cBride	occp^t	
James M^cIntyre	lessee	8 Catharine lane
David Campbell	ow^r	124 Reed
W^m Gowdy	occp^t	
John Tizelman	ow^r	93 James
James Davidson	ow^r	64 Murray
Tho^s & Ja^s Swords	agents	
The like & Stephen Barker	occp^t	22 Chapple
William Sickles lessee		20 do
Trustees Col^n College	ow^rs	C^r Murray & Greenwich
John G Lake	lessee	

Jacob Schieflin	ow^{r}	102	Warren
Sarah Bliss	occp^{t}		
William Bailey	Ow^{r}	104	D^{o}
John Bonsall	occp^{t}		
James C Roosevelt	ow^{r}		
Peter Schuyler	occp^{t}	21	Batavia lane
J C Roosevelt	ow^{r}	19	D^{o}
John Reed	occpt		
J C Roosevelt	ow^{r}	17	D^{o}
Benj^{n} Wells	occpt		
Flora Frazier	ow^{r}	10	D^{o}
Joseph Corby	occpt	12	D^{o}
[241] Jeddediah Morris	lessee	C^{r}	Pearl & Augustus
Dean	do	479	Pearl
Edward Higgins	ow^{r}	61	Chatham S^{t}
Jeremiah Hill	occp^{ts}		
William Bass			

Which were passed

In pursuance of a law of the State passed at the last session authorizing the appointment of a public Administrator the Board proceeded to elect a person to fill that Office when upon counting the Ballots it appeared that John Nitchie was duly chosen—Whereupon it was resolved that the said Officer previous to entering upon the duties of his office enter into a Bond with surety to be approved by the Comptroller in the penal sum of $10000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office

M^{r} King presented a Law entitled "a Law authorizing the Street Commissioner to remove Trees from the Streets" which was passed

Alder^{n} Fish presented the following Resolution which was passed unanimously

The Common Council having received with feelings of sincere regret intelligence of the death of General Jonathan Williams formerly commanding the corps of Engineers of the United States Resolved that they are impressed with a due sense of the important services rendered [242] by him in planning the defences of this City and Harbour, and that they retain a grateful recollection of his many virtues as a man and a Citizen

The Question relative to the disposition of the Lots at the Government House was taken up and a plan exhibited whereby the front line of the Lots was nearly in a line with the present Front of the Government House

Upon the question of adopting the said plan a Division being called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 11

Alder[n] Mapes—M[c]Cartee—Fish—Munson Mess[rs] Jones—Lorillard—Underhill—King—Tylee Mann—Brown

Negative 4

Alder[n] Buckmaster Mess[rs] King—Tucker—Burtis

It was then moved that there be a reservation of the ground for public purposes on Whitehall Street of 25 feet front & 33 feet deep which was carried in the affirmative—M[r] Lorillard & Tylee only voting in the negative—It was then moved that the said lots be sold on Thursday 25[th] inst under the direction of the Comptroller & Street Commissioner who were authorized to make such arrangements of the ground as they shall judge proper conforming however to the general principle of the Plan now adopted

Resolved that it be refered to the Committee of [243] Laws to consider and report a Table of fees to be allowed to Constables & Marshals on distresses for rent

Resolved that the Committee formerly appointed on the subject of opening Thames Street be discharged from a further consideration thereof and that it be refered to the Alder[n] & Assistant of the 3[d] Ward & the Assistant of the 1[st] Ward

Resolved that the Street Commissioner under direction of the following Committee prepare the S. E Room of the Second story of the Hall for the sittings of the Supreme Court

Committee M[r] King M[r] Jones Alde[n] Fish

Resolved that the following Committee consider & report what alterations are necessary in the law directing the deposit of manure

Committee Alde[n] Munson Alde[n] Buckmaster M[r] Brown St Commissioner

Alder[n] M[c]Cartee stated that he had confidential matter to communicate—The Doors were closed

On motion of M[r] King resolved that the resolution of this Board authorising the Committee on Sun- [244] day laws to employ persons to enforce the observance of said Law be and the same is hereby rescinded

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the High Constable diligently to observe and prevent, so far forth as he is authorized by law the violation of all laws of the State and ordinances of the Common Council, and particularly those which relate to the Sabbath And the

better to enable him to detect offenders he shall employ a sufficient number of constables or Marshalls to aid and assist him therein, and who shall on every Sabbath day frequent such parts of the City as the Alderman & assistant of every respective ward may from time to time direct, and forthwith to report to the Attorney of the Board the name and place of abode of every offender he may discover or be informed of, with such witnesses as he may know or believe likely to prove the truth of the accusation; and as a compensation in full for the services of the said High Constable and those he may employ as aforesaid he shall receive at the rate of $800 per year to be paid out of the City Treasury, in quarterly payments; and that neither the said High Constable nor any of the peace officers employed by him shall be entitled to receive any portion of the penalties received in such cases

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	55714.84
Warrants not presented	1430.25
	54284.59

[245] Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
T Hazard & asst Keepr City Prison 1 Qr to 18th Inst	512.50
J Varrick Inspr bread to 17 may	89.00
T Hazard to pay Officers brings Prisonrs to Bridl	71.80
Wm Shaw carg hire sundry pubc purposes	24.00
J [T] H Poppleton sundry surveys & Maps. ord	262.50
U W Freeman surveys or St Comsr	236.00
J Sidell to pay peace offrs attenc Election	340.75
L Pursiany expens mud machine 1 May	276.11
B Skaats & 2 assts Keepr City Hall	295.36
P Heal[y] sundy reprs Hall ord St Comsr	15.18
T Franklin Chf Engr 1 Qr to 18th May	200.00
J J Astor rent Engs House to 1 May	30.00
Daniel Shiers Supdt Lamps to 11 May	425.10
C Jordon " " 1 "	19.
Thos Clark on Acct fillg Slip at Brooklyn	200.00
C Smyth on acct rent Courtlandt St Warf	102.08
H Brush reprs to pumps	56.37
M Reid Well & Pump Division St	112.22
Do Do " " Chamber "	115.39
M Bank reprs to "	70.89
J Richardson reprs to wells	29.75

A Smith pavg intersections	98.55
J Bailey Do Do	71.30
J Randall on Acct contrct settg Monumts	500.00
T & G Lovett for buildgs & Drain Canal St	391.24
Messrs Taylor Palmer & others sundy asstS	58.50
[246] B Ogden property taken to open Pearl St	149.34
S Zabriskie award " " Nassau	3125.44
Sarah Barrea " " " "	1499.72
Andy Hamersley balc award for Pearl St	18995.00
Thos B Goelete property taken " "	21957.00
Tylee & Bloodgood redempn small bills	1000.00
B Skaats to purchase fuel for watch Houses	700.00
	$54149.09
Balc	$145.50

[247] In Common Council June 5th 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Junr
Augustine H Lawrence	Anthony L Underhill
Peter McCartee	Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith	Gideon Tucker
William Few	Daniel E Tylee
Nicholas Fish	Asa Mann
Reuben Munson	Arthur Burtis
	Wm A Hardenbrook
	Noah Brown

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants on the North side of the City & in Vesey Street praying permission to sell goods at auction was read and refered to the Street Commissioner And all suits commenced under the resolution prohibiting such sales were ordered to be staid until the report of the Street Commissioner on the Subject

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that Hudson Street may be opened into Chamber Street was refered to the Committee on Surveys

A Petition of Peter Schermerhorn to be permitted [248] to run out his Wharf upon the water Grant lately made to him to the West side of West Street was read and refered to the Aldern & Assistant of 1st Ward & Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition of Henry Jeroleman a Minor for permission to drive a cart was read and refered to the Mayor with authority to grant a license And a Petition of Whitfield Case for a License for his Son Gabriel a minor was read & granted

A Petition of Joseph Blackwell to construct a Vault in State Street and of Walter Brown to construct one in Frankfort Street were granted on the usual terms

A Petition of Peter H Schenck was read, stating that upon the arbitration between Petitioner and Corporation respecting the ground upon which the Oswego Market formerly stood it was determined the Petitioner was entitled to the ground and was to pay for the opening of the Street $8357—That upon payment of said sum the ground taken to open Maiden Lane was to be valued agreably to law for the benefit of the Petitioner, he therefore prayed that the payment by him might be postponed until the valuation of the ground is made, and the amount of said valuation deducted therefrom

Ordered to be refered to the Comptroller and the Counsel of the Board

[249] A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying, that a Pier may be run out from the middle of Gouverneur Slip was read and refered to the Committee on Wharves—And a Petition from a number of Inhabitants praying that Piers may be run out, from the ends of Vesey—Partition & Dey Streets so as to form Basins beyond West Street was refered to same Committee

A Petition of P & E Dobbs for payment of balance due for making Docks at Brooklyn, was read & refered to Committee on Wharves & Slips &c

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that a well in the ground lately taken to open Nassau Street may be continued and a pump fixed therein for the accomodation of the neighbourhood was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to comply with the request

And the Street Cmmissioner was authorized to alter the former regulation of the Streets from Wall to Pine Street, so as to make the same comport with public convenience

A Petition of Nicholas Dean for Stall N° 1 Duane Market was read and granted

A Representation that the wharf at Fly Market Dock was out of repair, was presented, & refered to the Superintendant of repairs

[250] The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the corporation herewith presents to the Board for execution a grant of a water Lot to Mr David Reeve—The Common Council may recollect that the grant for this water Lot was passed on the 6th march last; but upon examination of the terms the Comptroller became satisfied that they had been incorrectly charged—the

present grant has been drawn in pursuance of the corrected instructions communicated by the Comptroller. And the Counsel herewith also presents the former grant which has been executed by the Common Council to the end that it may be cancelled

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

Whereupon the former grant was directed to be cancelled & a new one to be executed

The Counsel reported that the report of the Commissioners of Estimate & assessment appointed to open 2^{d} Avenue, was confirmed by the Supreme Court at the last term Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector of said assessment

Upon report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Capt^{ns} Travis—M^{c}Lean—Elwell and Cannon incurred by not reporting passengers agreably to law

The Counsel agreably to order presented "a law [251] relative to the fees payable to the Inspectors of fire wood" which was passed

The Committee to whom it was refered to consider what alterations are necessary in the law directing the deposit of manure reported

That they have visited the different places where manure is at present deposited between the Bowery and East River, that they found a very large quantity lying within the line prohibited by law especially between Stanton and North Streets forming a great nuisance the smell of which is intolerable at present and must be highly injurious to the health of those in the vicinity, these deposits consist of large quantities of animal and vegetable substances which are here brought together and mixed so as to form a valuable compost but the exhalations from these putrid matters spread far around, and form a very disagreable atmosphere—Your Committee are of opinion that such substances ought not to be deposited in the neighbourhood of the City, but should be removed far from the dwellings of men

They would therefore recommend that the City Inspector notify the owners of said manure to remove the whole of it on or before the 20th day of July and if not removed by that day—without further notice to have what remains sold on the spot to be removed forthwith

And also that the Counsel to the Corporation [252] be requested to prepare an ordinance for the purpose

(Sig^{d}) Reuben Munson
George Buckmaster
Noah Brown
John M^{c}Comb St Com^{sr}

Whereupon Resolved That the owners of all manure now lying in North Street, Stanton Street or in any of the intersecting Streets or on any grounds or lots adjoining thereto from the Bowery to the East River be notified by public advertisement to remove the same by the first day of July under the penalty of fifty Dollars on each offender for neglect in so doing—And that all ordinances to the contrary hereof be and the same are hereby repealed and that the Street Commissioner be requested to assign some proper place to the public contractors for the Street manure for the deposit of the same in lieu of the places now designated for that purpose in case the public health or convenience shall appear to him to require the present places of deposit to be changed And further that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take all lawful and proper measures under the advice and direction of the Counsel of the Board for the removal of the said manure in case of neglect or refusal of the Owners to remove the same by the day hereby limited for that purpose and for abating the nuisance which such manure deposited and placed as it is at present appears to create and occasion

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances [253] for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

George Little		Cr Lewis & Delancy
Wm Anderson		fronting on Do
George Moore		do do do
Wm Moore		Cr Prince & Mercer
Jacob Warner		fronting on Lewis
Robert McCornel		" " Spring
Thos Vreedenburgh		" " "
John Sagear	owr	68 Nassau
Francis Caille	Occpt	
Peter Schermerhorn Junr		Mott
Ann White	Owr	Cr Ann S & Theatre Alley
Arthur Halliday	occpt	
Ann White	Owr	76 Nassau
Do Do	"	74 Do
Do Do	"	72 Do
Do Do	"	70 Do
John Hunter &	owrs	67 cherry
Henry Overing		
Michael Bannan	occpt	

Saml Bradhurst	owr	Cr Chamber & Washington
Richard Taggart	owr	146 Chamber
Wm F Pratt	occpt	
Hopper	owr	Cr Chamber & Church
Herman Shatzel	occpt	
John Sagear	owr	68 Nassau St
Francis Caille	occpt	
John Robertson		187 Duane
Michael Price	owr	Cr Moore & Pearl
Thos Kirk	occpt	
Wm Byron	owr	147 Front.
Wynant Debevoise	occpt	
[254] Joseph Conklin		170 Reed
Thos Hening	owr	29 Chapple
Catharine Westerfield	occpt	
Samuel Bradhurst	owr	27 Chapple
Thomas James	occpt	
Samuel Bradhurst	owr	25 Chaple
John Hubbard	occpt	
Samuel Bradhurst	owr	61 Murray
John Austin	occpt	
Samuel Bradhurst	owr	69 Do
Abraham Tompkins	occpt	
Richard Harcourt	owr	94 Bancker
Michael Dymott	occpt	
John Vanderhoof	owr	71 Warren
Pell	owr	74 Courtlandt
M Lavesque	occpt	
Pell	owr	72 Do
John Henderson	occpt	

Which were passed

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller has the honor to represent to the Common Council that the President & Directors of the Mechanics Bank have applied for the Principal and Interest on the Bonds herein after mentioned viz

Bond dated Novr 1 1813 for 20000 Dollars paid the State on acct of the Grounds purchased of them principal..... $20000.

May 2d 1814 Bond for the amt paid Mr Denyse for ground at New Utrecht in exchange for that obtained from the United States... $18750.

Bond dated Dec^{r} 14 1813 for money appropriated [255] for defence Gun boats	$28000.
Bond dated Augst 6th 1814 for 50000 Dollars appropriated towards building New Alms House & Penitentiary	$50000.
Total	$116750.00

As the state of the Treasury will by no means admit of payments of such magnitude at present and as part of the debt incured was for the purpose of paying for the ground lately disposed of and the loan of $50000 for the New Alms House was obtained on an assurance that the same would be repaid whenever the property near the Battery was sold, it is respectfully suggested whether it would not be proper to appropriate all the notes received for the Battery Lots—to cancel the above Bonds or so many of them as the amount so received will admit of a reference to the reports of the Comptroller, will shew that he has invariably looked to the proceeds of the sale alluded to as the means of payment for the Bonds, well aware that the ordinary receipts of The Treasury would furnish no adequate funds for that purpose

Sg^{d} Tho^{s} R Mercein

He also presented the following

The Comptroller has the honor to state that in conformity with the instructions of the Common Council the Plot of Ground near the Battery was sold on Thursday the 26 Ult^{o} as follows

Lot N^{o}	1.	Bd Way	to	John Hone	for $10250.00
	2	" "	"	James T Leonard	" 9500.00
	3	" "	"	H Cheavens	" 9750.00
	4	" "	"	E Anderson	" 11000.00
[256] Lot N^{o}	5	Bd Way	to	A Weston	for 10000.00
"	6	" "	"	D Lynch	" 11150.00
"	7	" "	"	Noah Brown	" 16600.00
"	8	State St	"	A Weston	" 8150.00
"	9	" "	"	Tho^{s} R Mercein	" 8250.00
"	10	" "	"	Robert Lenox	" 8250.00
"	11	" "	"	Joseph Blackwell	" 8300.00
"	12	" "	"	John Swartwout	" 20000.00
"	13	Bridge St	"	A Weston	" 5000.00
"	14	" "	"	F Suydam	" 5000.00
"	15	" "	"	Edmund Smith	" 5200.00
"	16	" "	"	John Sharp	" 5700.00
"	17	" "	"	John Sharp	" 6100.00
The Custom House sold for					5050.00
The other buildings					1533.00
Total					$164783.00

The Counsel of the Board has been requested to prepare the deeds according to the conditions prescribed by the Common Council—as however it is very probable that several of the purchasors will not hold their Lots, but are about disposing of them The Comptroller respectfully suggests the propriety of authorizing the Counsel to have the deeds executed with the name of the holder of the property at the time of the execution of the deed

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented the following

The St Comsr in obedience to the directions of the Common Council to consider & Report a plan for working the Third Avenue Has [257] the honor to present the following result of his enquiries, Having maturely considered the subject, and carefully examined the ground over which this road will pass, That as this avenue will become the thoroughfare for all the Eastern travelling, and of course be more used than any other on the Island, it is of the first importance that it should be laid out on correct principles and such as will unite ease and safety with durability

The undersigned is aware that convex or arched Roads have generally been esteemed as the best—but in his opinion Roads can scarcely be raised too little in the center especially near a City, where a number of Carriages are constantly passing to and fro, daily experience proves that Roads with high arches are soon cut down and filled with holes and ruts—a gentle descent for the water is all that is requisite or useful for it is impossible to keep a ridged Road that is much used so hard and smooth at all times that the water can run off freely into the side Trenches, for every rut serves to retain the Water, and no carriage can travel on a convex Road with ease and safety without keeping the center, and all running in the same track must tend to destroy the Road much sooner than if Carriages could conveniently pass over every part thereof

The obvious method therefore for preventing ruts and render travelling safe and easy is to keep the Road low at the crown, and nearly [258] horizontal from side to side.

The undersigned is of opinion that a flat or waved road sloping longitudinally is much better adapted to the ground and situation of the 3d Avenue, and he presumes will be found on experience to be preferable to that of any other form from being nearly flat or level from side to side, it will bear the pressure more equally and all parts can be

travelled with equal facility which is certainly a desirable object near a City for as ruts in a ridged or convexed road prevent the water from running off at all the sides, so in a waved road they serve as gutters to convey the water to the lowest places, where it may pass into the Trenches and which should have sufficient outlets to prevent the water thrown off by the Road from collecting at the side thereof

He therefore proposes the following method for working the Third Avenue viz

That the Road be worked to the width of Sixty Feet including the gutters

2d That forty feet in the center be gravelled from nine to eighteen inches *which* according to the nature of the soil over which the Road will pass

3d That no hill or rise in the Road shall exceed three degrees of elevation except at two or three situations where on account of the Rock it may be proper to allow a higher rise

4th That an arch across the Road shall not exceed a half inch to the foot to the middle of the Road, which is about one half of what is usually given

[259] There are but few spots on the Route, but what have a sufficient natural declivity lengthwise and where there is not an artificial one must be given—these inclined planes should be continued as far as may be practicable & safe for the Road

The greatest difficulty in making this road will be to procure suitable gravel, where it cannot be obtained a stone foundation should be laid, the stone to be broken into as uniform sizes as possible, for if there is much variety they will never lye firm and compact as the largest will always work up especially if the bed is clay

There will be several Bridges, Culverts Drains and Walls required on different parts of the track but the undersigned presumes it better to reserve the details of the execution for the consideration of the Committee, to whom this business may be refered

He would also recommend that this Road be made by contract—the expense of which to be equally borne by the Corporation & the Proprietors of the ground thro' which the Road will pass—That a competent person be appointed to superintend the work whose duty it should be to attend constantly on the ground to see the contract fairly performed—That the whole distance be divided into four parts, Vizt The first to be between the Bowery & 45th St—The 2d between 45th St & 82d Street The 3d from thence to 105th Street, at the Fortifications [260] The 4th from thence to Harlaem Bridge each part to be in

two seperate agreements, the forming the Road in one contract and the gravelling in another

(Sigd) John McComb St Comsr

The part relative to the mode of working the Avenue was refered to the Road Committee for their government the residue was laid for consideration

He also presented an ordinance for paving Rector Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulk Head—for regulating & paving Hanover Square and for filling in Catharine Slip Which were passed & Wm S[t]illwell. Thos C Taylor & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors in the former & William Stillwell Thos C Taylor & Ezekiel Bishop in the two latter

He also presented an assessment for paving Walnut Street from Grand Street to the Bulk head And an assessment for a Drain in Pearl St which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector in each

He also presented a return of Delinquents upon the assessments for Nassau Street and Hanover Square—and Warrants were ordered to issue for collection of the same

He also on the petition of Richard Varick Reported That in his opinion it will be inexpedient to allow the prayer of the petition [261] at least for two reasons

1st That the amount *o*for the previledge of the Vault will be $52.80—whereas the amt of Interest claimed—say for 9 months when the collector began to collect $34 83

2dly That a number of persons paid their assessment at or about the time Colo Varick did, who will have a right to claim Interest also—and so may a large number on every assessment—as from the nature of the business some irregularity in the time of payment will unavoidably take place—the undersigned therefore presumes if this request was granted it would open a door to more trouble and perplexity in their accounts than he thinks the Common Council would like to permit

(Sigd) John McComb St Comsr

Which was approved

The Report of the Committee on the Petition from Allan Royse and the Petition of Isaac S Hutchinson were both taken up and Allen Royse was agreably to said report of the Committee appointed Inspector of Fire wood at Spring St & Thompsons Wharf

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Compy No 2

Abm Smith Baker, James St 4th Wd vice John Dominick resd
Geo Cheeseman Grocer
Bancker " " " " Peter White Do
[262] Henry Peacock hair Dresser, Cherry St 4th Wd
vice Garrit B Abeel resd

F Engn Compy No 2

Philander Camp Shoe maker Norfolk & Broome St 10 Wd
vice Jno J Gaitz Do

No 3

Ira Day Mercht 121 Water St 1 Wd vice Jacob J Roome expd

No 10

Jacob Parcels H Carpenter
Bowery 8 Wd " Jos Graham resd
Nichls Andrews Gardner
Orchard St 10 " " Wm Reynolds Do

No 7

Isaac Ferris Hatter
280 Water St 4th Wd " Thos B Vermylie Do
Michael Ryer Joiner
62 Bayard St 6 " " Jacob C Mott Do
Jonathan Laban Currier
51 Cliff 2d " " Isaac Sherwood Do

No 25

Stephen Balster Mercht
Chatham & Roosevelt 4th Wd " Saml Dunbar do
John Bonsall Jr Lumber Mercht
190 Washington 3 Wd " Jno Bartow Do

No 28.

Charles Roe Cartman Broadway 8 Wd " S Cleveland Do
Wm Benedict Blacksmith
61 N Moore 5 Wd " Jno Morris Do

No 30

John Chandler, Ropemaker
Orchard St 10 Wd " Jacob Westerfield Do

No 34

Saml Vn Wart Carpenter
Christopher St 8 Wd " Stepn J Green Do

N° 33

Edward Palmer Cartman
Lewis St 10 W^d vice Benj^n Sneeden res^gd
John Leveridge Attorney
Harman St 7 W^d " Whetmore Plate D°
Dan^l Lownsburry Cartman
Lewis St 10 W^d " Abel Smith D°
Lewis Feisher Brass founder
Cherry St 7 W^d " Sackett Brown D°

The Petition of Adolphus Loss was taken up and after some time spent thereon was laid for further consideration

[263] The Report of the Committee upon the Petition of several Literary Societies was called up and made the order of the day for tuesday the 13^th

The following was presented by Alder^n Mesier and agreed to unanimously—And the following Committee were appointed to carry the same into effect

Com^e Alder^n Mesier—M^r Jones—M^r Brown

The Corporation of the City of New York in common with their fellow Citizens, experience a most lively gratification in noticing another heroic achievement of our gallant Navy

The late decisive victory obtained by Captain Charles Stewart, in the U S Frigate the Constitution is for judgment and style in manœuvring, unrivalled; And when the superiority of the Enemy in weight & number of guns, together with the difficulty of contending with a divided and active force, is considered it ought to be classed among the most brilliant feats recorded in naval history—The capturing under circumstances so disadvantageous as detailed in his modest official Letter two such Vessels as the Cyane and Levante, in the short period of 40 minutes evinces such a precision in gunnery and skill in Seamanship as raises the character of the American tar to a proud elevation.

In testimony therefore of the high sense the Common Council entertain of the gallantry and martial skill displayed by Cap^n Charles [264] Stewart in the capture of His Britanic Majesty's two Ships, the Cyane & Levant

Resolved that the Freedom of the City be presented to him in a Gold Box; and that the thanks of the Corporation be presented to the officers & crew of the Constitution for the brave manner in which they engaged, fought and conquered on that occasion

The Committee on the Petition to have Elizabeth Street opened

reported That in their opinion the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted as it is an improvement which can now be made at less expense than at any future period

The distance being but ninety feet thro' Mr Bleeckers vacant ground—They would therefore recommend that legal measures be taken to carry the same into effect—And also that the St Commissioner be directed to prepare an ordinance for regulating and paving Elizabeth Street from Prince to Bleecker St

(Sigd) Arthur Burtis
W Few
J McComb St Comsr

Which was approved and the Counsel directed to take the necessary legal measures therein

The Committee on the petition for removal of houses N E corner Chapple St & Leonard so that Chapple St may be continued the full width until it crosses Leonard St—Reported that in their opinion the House on the Easterly corner should [265] be removed immediately so as to open the Street to the width of 65 feet as shewn on the sketch herewith the improvements on this lot being of little value may be had at a small expense—but the building on the other corner is valuable, & may remain without any great inconvenience for several years, as there are but few houses built on that side below and the Street will be of a width sufficient for the present

They therefore recommend that the Counsel to the Board be instructed to take the requisite measures for obtaining the house & Lot on the easterly corner for the above purpose

(Sigd) Thos R Smith
Gideon Tucker
Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was approved and the Counsel directed to take the legal steps required therefor

The Street Commissioner recommended that Rivington Street be regulated and paved from the present pavement at Pike Street to Columbia St and that so much of the adjoining lots be filled in as shall be necessary to prevent the Water from runing into the Street

And he presented an ordinance agreably thereto which was approved and the ordinance passed, and Ezekiel Bishop Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

[266] A Member stating that he had confidential business to communicate the

Doors were closed

Resolved that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorized to sell of the U S Stock held by the Corporation a sum not exceeding $200000 provided the same can be sold at the rate of per cent for the express purpose of paying a part of the monies borrowed for the defence of the City

[267] Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Alder^{n} M^{c}Cartee for $1000 on account of contract for constructing Piers at the East side of Peck Slip

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$47484.89
Warrants not presented	

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
Henry Miller for watch caps	5.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters field to 1 June	46.50
Prior & Dunning 20 ass^{mt} books 1815 & Station^{y}	69.37
A Woodward Ass^{t} City Insp^{r} to 1 June	62.50
J Tallman Do Do Do Do	62.50
Do in full for enforcing Sunday law	24.00
C E Duncan as^{t} St Coms^{r} or Insp^{r}	54.00
Do for enforcing sunday law	24.00
N Eisenhart Do Do	24.00
G W Willis Do Do	12.50
H W Peckwell St Insp^{r} to 1 June	54.00
W^{m} M^{c}Intosh Do Do	54.00
Peace Officers Extra Services or^{r} Sp^{cl} Justices	227.50
J Hedden Special Justice to 26 May	250.00
J Warner do do do	202.75
J Hopson do do do	202.75
B Oblenis Chf Clerk Police office to 26	250.00
[268] R Stephens Ass^{t} Clerk police office to 26th	150.00
B P Cruger rent for Engine House to 1 May	26.25
W S Castle rep^{rs} to Pumps	104.50
A Acker regulating Varrick St	57.00
J Wallace Sup^{dt} rep^{rs} Salr^{y} to 10th Inst	225.00
Kelly & Ayres filling Collect as p^{r} Contract	225.20
J Williams Do Do	148.32
Tho^{s} Clarke Bal^{c} fil^{g} Slip Brooklyn	120.30

T & G Lovett acct Drain near Burling Slip	228.35
P A Mesier award property taken Hanover Sq[r]	19858.00
J B Murray D[o] D[o] D[o]	6936.00
P & E Dobbs building Piers Brooklyn	1423.00
J Wallace Sup[dt] repr[s]	500.00
R Furman Sup[dt] Alms House	5000.00
D[o] D[o] New D[o] D[o]	5000.00
P McCartee towards pay[mt] Piers E side Peck Slip	1000.00
	$44817.00
Bal[c]	$2667.89

[269] In Common Council June 13[th] 1815
Present

The Hon[l] John Ferguson Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier		Samuel Jones Jun[r]
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Peter McCartee	Aldermen	Gideon Tucker — Assistants
Thomas R Smith		Arthur Burtis
Isaac S Douglass		Noah Brown
George Buckmaster		Wm A Hardenbrook
Nicholas Fish		
Reuben Munson		

The Board met agreably to adjournment

Alde[n] Mesier presented a Law entitled "a Law for the establishment of a Board of Health" which was read by paragraphs and passed

A Petition of Thomas Herring for permission to construct a vault in the Street at the corner of Nassau Street & Cedar St was read & granted [under] the usual regulations, and on the further restrictions that it be built agreably to the directions to be given by the Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well in State Street was read & refered to the Alder[n] & Ass[t] of 1[st] Ward & Street Commissioner to report ordinance therefor

[270] A Letter was received from Robert A Bartow resigning his Office of Weighmaster of the City—was accepted—And on motion John Burton was appointed a Weighmaster

A recommendation from sundry Citizens in favor of John D Byrd to be appointed a Measurer was read & refered to the Committee on applications

The Street Commissioner presented a communication stating that a dismantled Sloop was lying at the head of the New Albany Basin and interupted & prevented the filling in of said Slip and that the person to whom it was said the Vessel belonged refused to remove the same—Whereupon it was refered to the Counsel with directions to take the necessary legal steps to remove the said incumbrance

He also presented an ordinance for regulating and paving Rivington Street from Pitt St to Columbia Street which was passed and Ezekiel Bishop. Aquilla Giles & W^{m} Tredwell were appointed Assessors

A Petition of Catharine Page for Hucksters Stand in the Market was read and refered to the Market Committee

A Memorial of Richard Lawrence Anthony Franklin & Isaac Underhill was received

[271] That they were proprietors of valuable buildings in Cliff Street and that they would be greatly injured by opening Fair Street That the Commissioners of Assessment considered that they were not authorized to enquire into any injury they might sustain, and praying the interference of the Common Council

Whereupon Resolved that the subject be refered to the Alder^{n} & assistant of the 2^{d} Ward & Street Commissioner

The Report of the Committee upon the Petition of the Academy of Arts and other Literary Societies was agreably to order taken into consideration and being read was in the words following

The Committee to whom was refered the several Petitions of the Literary & Philosophical Society; The Academy of Arts and sciences the N York Historical Society, the N Y Society Library, and of John Scudder the proprietor of the Cabinet of Natural History beg leave most respectfully to report

Your Committee are decidedly of opinion that these petitions present for consideration a subject of immense importance—The reputation of the City of New York occupies a distinguished eminence—The acts of its municipal authority have shown conspicuous And the recent examples of patriotism and perseverance have purchased a splendid celebrity for its citizens—Such distinguished munificence to private institutions such large [272] and liberal contributions to the public exigencies and such expanded policy have characterized it's Corporation that for credit ability & influence it has been contrasted with the supreme authority of some communities—Since then such endeavour has been manifested to extend the fame of the City for entrepidity, wealth and strength, ought not some attention be now di-

rected to the fine & liberal arts—Now that war is over and there exists no longer any necessity to provide for the tented field, would not a garden spot in which the young plants of science would be cultivated, be a suitable & delectable first fruit offering to the Goddess of Peace—Many have presumed, and ridicule has excited meriment in endeavouring to demonstrate that such plants are here exotics that our soil is sterile and unfit for such culture But fortunately your petitioners have with great talent and perseverance proven them to be indegenous, and the soil congenial to their nature—with considerable success they have already planted & nourished several and if the cultivation is only moistend with your friendly dew, these young trees will ere long exhibit a luxuriance and spread into a grove of science under the shade of which your men of genius may securely repose

Sarcasm may perhaps with some effect direct its taunts and censure justly condemn the neglect with which the elegant arts have hitherto been permitted to struggle—The Citizens of [273] New York have too long been stigmatized as phlegmatic, money making & plodding—Our Sister Cities deny we possess any taste for the sciences, and the total inattention to institutions of this class has ever been construed as an evidence of a want of genius itself

The materials requisite to erect splendid establishments in every department of the fine arts exist here in abundance—Gentlemen of learning and taste in the respective branches have liberally promised to bestow their efforts and attention—Much has already been effected. The Petitioners have given an earnest of what may be anticipated and should they hapily be blessed with public patronage such a stimulus will be given & such ranges made in the field of science as to occupy a circumference difficult to be described—These Societies if fostered by your care and cherished by your munificence will speedily retrieve the reputation of our City and established its title to literary fame on a basis not to be questioned—By their research and industry this place may hereafter be celebrated as the Nurse of S[c]ience, the Inventress of useful arts the scene of glorious actions and be fertile in the productions of human genius—such improvements and advantages however can only be effected by the united efforts of the literati, & liberal patronage

Almost every Literary Institute in Europe has experienced municipal aid and in several instances the principal celebrity of distinguished Cities [274] is derived from these establishments Edenburgh London Paris Amsterdam & Lyden respectively pride themselves on the patronage they afford to the fine arts, and even some of their

first Magistrates esteem it an additional dignity that ex officio they claim membership of these associations—Time and experience is requisite to mature any plan & especially one of such importance & promising such extensive advantages as that proposed by your petitioners Notwithstanding the adversities they have had to contend with, the deficiency of means the want of countenance & above all the want of patronage, still their progress & advancement has astonished every one. Their industry has been unremitted & the result of their efforts decidedly demonstrates that capacity and perseverance will if seasonably encouraged continue to characterise the researches of them respectively

The Literary & Philosophical Society is scarcely a year old. Its infant voice since its creation has been silenced by the turmoil & clamours of war, and yet notwithstanding such an unpropitious commencement it will shortly issue a volume of transactions highly creditable to our age & country—The American Academy of arts has with indefatigable industry and great cost procured in Europe & elsewhere, such a collection of casts, Busts, Statues paintings & engravings as will require a spacious apartment to exhibit the same [275] to advantage, and are estimated as worth at least $20000—The collection which the N York Historical Society has made of records and monuments of our history, are rare and immensely valuable—The books exclusive of the manuscripts, whose value is inestimable are prised at $10000—The property of the N York Society Library consists of numerous scarce and valuable works not to be obtained on this side the Atlantic—The entire collection has been made since the Revolutionary war by Gentlemen of the first taste & literary acquirements in our country—By œconomy and a judicious administration of its finances the Committee of purchases (as called) have been enabled to enrich the collection with the most expensive works in the higher walks of literature—And if the accommodation petitioned for is granted, they then intend, by disposing of their present building, to disencumber themselves of debt, and by appropriating the surplus to further purchases to enlarge still more this field of general literature

Scudders Cabinet of Natural history has excited & is entitled to universal admiration

With a perseverance unparalleled & under a pecuniary embarrasment almost insuportable this Devotee to the arts has so assiduously persevered encreasing his collection that curiosity can here already feast as daintily and be as fully satisfied as in any museum on the continent

From the talent and diligence already enlisted [276] and from such accession as may be naturally calculated upon Your Committee feel a confidence that immense advantages will be derived from extending some patronage to these infant Institutions—The Royal Society of England at first consisted only of a few literary friends who occasionally assembled at Oxford—In this obscure condition it continued till invigorated by public aid and then it rose rapidly to that splendid zenith at which a Halley was Secretary & a Newton President—To these literary dependants of ours who with such laudable & patriotic zeal have struggled thro' innumerable difficulties, must now also become inactive & perhaps decline unless cherished with your protection—At your portal they kneel & anxiously solicit your assistance—An accomodation in which to display their rich treasures, and to pursue their mental researches is all they ask, and should some suitable building be appropriated to their use they will render it not only convenient and accommodating, but moreover decorate and dedicate it exclusively to science

A permanence and security, will then ensure success to their operations—They may then be formed into one establishment united under one Roof and thus be enabled to converge their efforts—Such a constellation of Science will illuminate our hemisphere A temple diverging such splendid rays will dispell every gloom, and impart activity to the germs of genius [277] however obscurely planted—An intellectual Commerce extending to every quarter of the globe will from this center of intelligence be industriously pursued and the returns of mental treasures will enrich our Citizens beyond calculation

If their application is granted they will then be enabled still further to develope their views and extend their usefulness—Besides providing for the objects for which they originally associated it is moreover contemplated to open an Athenæum or general reading room to establish a professorship of mineralogy & Natural history, to provide a School for painting, Sculpture & Architecture under the Superintendance of Artists patronized by the Academy of arts; to erect an astronomical observatory with suitable apparatus for public lectures; to furnish chymical Laboratory with an enlightened professor; & to reserve a Hall for anniversary discourses or forensic disputations; And thus render this assembly of literary Societies famous as an Institute of the elegant fine & liberal Arts

Your Committee moreover are of opinion that as the blessing of peace will have a benign influence on science and Literature the Common Council ought to perpetuate the auspicious event in the memory of

the wise & good by an act of munificence which will create an era in our history & erect an illustrious monument [278] to their patriotism & intelligence—And therefore they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the spacious building in the rear of the City Hall belonging to this City be and is hereby appropriated to the use & accommodation of the American Academy of the Arts of the Literary & Philosophical Society—of the New York Historical Society, of the New York City Library, and of the School of Natural History called Scudders museum for the term of years under such restrictions & arrangements as shall hereafter be established by the Corporation

All which is respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) Peter Mesier
Nicholas Fish
Isaac S Douglass
Geo Buckmaster
A H Lawrence

M^{r} Jones then moved as an amendment to the Resolution proposed by the Committee the following Resolution

Resolved that the buildings in the rear of the City Hall at present occupied as the Alms House be and the same are hereby appropriated to the purposes of the above mentioned Literary & Philosophical Societies and for such other uses and purposes as the Common Council shall direct for a term not less than seven nor more than twenty one Years—and that the same shall be enjoyed under such directions & regulations [279] as a Committee of the Common Council to be for that purpose annually appointed shall from time to time direct and establish

The Question being taken thereon and a Division called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 13

The Recorder, Alder^{n} Mesier—Lawrence M^{c}Cartee, Smith—Buckmaster, Fish Munson—Mess^{r} Jones, Lorillard—Burtis, Brown

Negative 4

Alder^{n} Mapes Mess^{rs} Underhill, Tucker Hardenbrook

[280] In Common Council June 19th 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Anthony L Underhill
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence	Elisha W King
George Buckmaster	Gideon Tucker
Nicholas Fish	Daniel E Tylee
Reuben Munson	Asa Mann
	Arthur Burtis
	Noah Brown

The Minutes of the two last Meetings were read and approved

Upon reading the accounts to be audited by the Board it was ordered that the accounts for repairs of pumps in the 7th & 10th Wards be refered to the Committee of Repairs for examination

A Petition of sundry Innkeepers in the Bowery praying an exemption from the law directing the removal of signs from the Streets was read and ordered that petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Burling Slip praying the removal of the Engine House from that place was read and refered to Alderm Munson [281] McCartee Mr Lorillard

A Petition from William Scholl for Butchers Stands in Catharine Market and from Richard Platt for Stall in same Market were read & refered to the Market Committee

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants stating that the West side of Market field Street Slip Wharf was out of repair & praying the same may be repaired, was read & refered to the Committee on Wharves &c & St Commissioner

A Petition of John Jacob Astor requesting further time to comply with an ordinance directing the running out a Bulk Head & filling in the Wharf to West Street on his Lots North of Ritters Wharf Was read & ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Leonard Fisher Lessee of two Lots corner of William & Pearl St praying an extension of his Lease or that the Corporation would sell the same to him in fee was read & refered to the Comptroller

A Petition for a Well in White Street near the Easterly side of Broad Way and for a Well in Duane Street between Broadway and Elm Street were read and refered to [282] the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report ordinances

A Petition that a Well at the intersection of 3d Avenue and the

Bowery may be repaired was read & refered to the Committee of Repairs with authority to direct the same to be repaired

A Petition of Jacob Van Nostrandt to place a cistern in the Street next his House in Oliver Street, was read & refered to the Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the same on the usual conditions

A Petition of Ellen Hull for remission of fine for placing a Cistern in the Street was read & the fine remitted—And it was refered to the Street Commissioner to grant her permission to place one in the Street on the usual conditions

A Petition from Samuel Millbank & Co for permission to make use of the Street to place building materials in while erecting a House in Catharine Street was read and refered to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the Ward

A Petition of sundry owners of Manure deposited in and about North Street praying that the order of the Board directing the removal [283] of said Manure may be rescinded was read and ordered that the time for removing the same be extended to 1st August next.

A Petition of Noel Blanche praying permission to enclose within fence a small drain near his property at Rosevelt & Chesnut St engaging to keep the same covered & kept clean was read & refered to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition that Sugar Loaf Street may be paved from Broad way to Elm Street was refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from John Morss to erect a Lime House &^{c} in Chatham St opposite two Lots whereon he is building was read and refered to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant

A Petition that Goerck Street from De Lancy Street to Stanton Street may be filled in was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Abraham Van Tassel a Minor for License as a Cartman, was refered to the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer

A Petition of William Freeman for appoint^{mt} [284] of a Measurer of Grain &^{c} was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Peter Aymar Collector of the Corporation for an encrease of Salary was refered to the Committee of Finance & Comptroller to report thereon

A Petition of J F La Forgue praying permission to continue a projecting portico erected by him in the Street, was read and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of sundry Measurers of the City praying certain Regulations respecting them may be adopted was read & ordered to lie on the Table

On Motion Resolved that William Harriman be and he is hereby appointed a Weigh Master of the City—And that Henry White be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer in place of Robert Quin removed from the City

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Compy No 1

James Chapple Hatter 94 Reed St 5 Wd vice C Roe resd
Jacob Rich, Grocer 41 Anthony 5 Wd " John Devoe Do

No 5

John Haines, Grocer, 116 Mott 6 Wd vice Frederick Shaw resd

[285] F E Comp No 8

Robt Thompson H Carpn Fourth St 8th Wd
vice Lawrence Miller Do
James Heath Sail makr 48 Bancker 4 Wd vice Alex Murray Do

No 12

Isaac Skirm, Shoemakr 3 Cherry St 4 Wd
vice Mattw Howel Do

No 14

Thos W Hoyt Grocer Varrick St 5 Wd vice Abm Eckert Do

No 19

Henry Pessenger, Butcher 99 First 10 Wd vice Thos Truslow Do

No 22

Nathaniel Ward, Shipwright 18 Lombardy 7 Wd
vice Albert Kerzard Do

No 37

Samuel Hubbs Cartman Essex 10 Wd vice Jas Owen Do

No 40

Isaac Devoe Shipwright Mulberry 6th Wd vice Jas Goodman Do

On Motion Joseph Lord was appointed Fire Warden of the 4th Ward in place of Luke Kip removed from the Ward

The City Inspector presented the following

The City Inspector has the honor again to represent to the Common Council the situation of three Lots of ground Bounded Westerly

in Front by little Water St—Southerly by ground of John R Livingston, easterly in the rear by ground of George Lorillard & others, & Northerly by ground of Edmund Kirby. The said Lots are a public nuisance and dangerous to the health of the Inhabitants in its vicinity —it is also so situated as to be of serious injury to the owners of ground around it

[286] They have all filled up their Lots and some of them have erected buildings which they cannot improve to any advantage in consequence of the situation of the above described Lots

The City Inspector begs leave further to state that he has been informed and believes that the said Lots are under mortgage and that the person in whom the legal title is, is unable to cause the same to be filled in—he has also been informed that the mortgagee would be willing to pay for the filling in of them provided he could be indemnified in so doing—that if the Corporation should cause them to be filled in he should feel himself authorized to pay the amount, or would purchase the Lots should the Corporation think proper to sell them

The City Inspector therefore suggests the propriety of the Corporation's causing the said Lots to be filled in the expense of which (from two to three hundred dollars) to remain a lien on them agreably to the act in such case made & provided

(Sig^{d}) J Morton

Which was approved and he was directed to cause the same to be carried into effect

He also presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following viz^{t}

M^{r} Beekman	ow^{r}	88 Duane St
Abner Curtis	occp^{t}	
Rob^{t} Bogardus Tho^{s} Lawrence	ow^{rs}	281 Water St
J Rice	occpt	
[287] Henry Thorne	owr	N 39 Oliver St
George Watson & others	occpt^{s}	
Sam^{l} Mitchell	ow^{r}	25 Warren
William Stanton	occpt	
Ann White	ow^{r}	66 Nassau
Charles Brown	occpt	
M^{rs} Lawrence	ow^{r}	34 Provost
James Westerfield	occpt	
Thomas Green	ow^{r}	277 Greenwich
Joseph Rodgers	occpt	

Hunter	owr	54 Pine
James Latham	occpt	
Fash	owr	455 Pearl
Ann Gregg	occpt	
John Richardson	owr	47 Division
David Falconer	occpt	

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances. for a Well & Pump in Amity St, and for one in State Street which were passed and William Stilwell Thomas C Taylor & William Tredwell were appointed assessors in the former & William Stilwell Charles Steawart & Ezekiel Bishop in the latter

He also presented a Return of delinquents upon the assessment for building a Drain in Pearl Street between Burling & Beekman Slip & a Warrant was ordered to issue for collecting the same

[288] He also presented the following

The Street Commissioner having examined the Law relating to vaults and cisterns, as directed at the last Meeting of the Comn Council

Is of opinion that as the Corporation Laws will have to be revised in the course of a few months—that it will be inexpedient at present to alter the law—except by a resolution thereof under the direction of the Street Commissioner so as to have the arches of the vaults or cistern laid at least eighteen in below the surface of the pavement—that the grate holes be placed within twelve inches of the outer edge of the curb stone and that the mouth or cistern top be placed next the House

Sigd Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was approved

The Committee on applications on the Petition of John D Byrd to be appointed a Measurer of grain &c reported in favor of Petitioner & he was appointed to said office

The Counsel & Compr presented the following communication

The Counsel of the Corporation & Comptroller have the honor to inform the Common Council that several of the ejectment suits heretofore commenced by order of the Board to recover possession of the land at Brooklyn between high & Low water mark which was in the possession of [289] various persons claiming adversely to the Corporation were carried down for trial at the late Circuit of the Supreme Court for Kings County—and that after a very contested trial in the

Suit which was first called on a verdict was obtained for the plaintiff therein

This trial having established the right of *of* the Corporation, the Defendants in the other causes (except one who had acquired a title by possession) suffered verdicts to be entered against them: under an understanding however that the Common Council would issue grants to them on the usual terms they to pay Rent from the time of their improvements respectively. This arrangement the Counsel & Comptroller who was present at the trial agreed to recommend to the Board to be carried into effect, and if the Board should not be disposed to accede to the arrangement the Counsel consented to relinquish the verdicts thus entered against the defendant and to let in the defendants to such defence as they might be advised to make on a subsequent trial. The Board will perceive that the Counsel and Comptroller have not presumed to pledge the Common Council to any definite course in the premises but they have no hesitation in advising that the arrangement (informally) entered into should be carried into effect excepting however such reservation for public uses as may be judged [290] proper The understanding in relation to the issuing of Grants only applies to the case of Jonathan Thompson's possession Samuel Jacksons and those parts of the possession of J & J Hicks which were heretofore Leased by them to one Jesse Coop & one Thomas Goins—If any further Grants are asked for they will of course issue on such terms as the Board shall see fit to establish and the grants for the above mentioned persons as above stated if the arrangement be sanctioned by the Board will furnish no precedent for other cases

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones
Tho^{s} R Mercein.

Whereupon Resolved that the arrangements made by the Counsel & Comptroller be and the same are hereby approved—and it was refered to the Comptroller to report a rate of quit rents for the Water Lots on Long Island Shore

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Cap^{ns} Snow. Dubourg Campbell Masa & Matthews, incured by not reporting passengers agreably to law

The Counsel & Chamberlain upon the Petition of L M De Jouett reported that they are satisfied that the facts set forth in the Petition are true and they therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and a Warrant directed to issue for the amount to witt $143.99. to be [291] paid to the Petitioner upon his executing such

Bonds of Indemnity to the Corporation as is usual upon the payment of distributive Shares of Intestate estates

(Sig[d]) D S Jones
Wm Fish chamberlain

Which was approved and a Warrant was ordered to issue accordingly

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board for execution the Deeds to the Purchasors of the Government House Lots which Deeds have been drawn in conformity to the Instructions received from the Comptroller and to his report made to the Board at the last meeting excepting that Lot N° 2 originally purchased by James S Leonard is conveyed to Peter Remsen—Lot N° 3 originally purchased by Wm D Chevers is conveyed to James Byers—Lot N° 9 originally purchased by Thomas R Mercein is conveyed to Abijah Weston—and Lot N° 16 originally purchased by John Sharpe is conveyed to Cornelius Dubois—All of which changes have been made in pursuance of the request of the said original purchasers

The Counsel begs leave to add that these Deeds ought to be executed as Escrows and delivered to the City Comptroller as such to be held by him or his Successor in Office until the conditions [292] upon which the sales of these Lots took place shall be complied with by the grantees respectively

(Sig[d]) D S Jones

Which was approved and the Deeds were directed to be executed accordingly

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following as a Committee to carry into effect the Resolution of the Board of the 13th inst respecting the grant of the Alms House to certain Literary Societies

Alder[n] Fish Mesier Lawrence Smith Buckmaster

Resolved that the Battery Committee and the Park Committee be authorized to grant the side Walks around the Battery & Park for the purpose of erecting thereon Booths on the 4th July next to such persons & under such regulations as they shall judge proper

Resolved that the following be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the ensuing anniversary of American Independence Alder[n] Mapes Buckmaster M[r] King

[293] Resolved that no Hackney Carriage shall from and after this day, be placed or Stand in Broad Way, on the West side of the Park until after the first day of October next ensuing Nor shall any

Hackney Carriage Stand at the junction of Broadway & Chatham Street Southerly of the poplar Trees at the South end of the Park, under the penalty of Ten Dollars for each offence, to be paid by the Owner or Driver of the Carriage which may be placed or Stand in the manner above prohibited

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Alder^{n} M^{c}Cartee for $1012.67 for payment of oil

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Richard Furman for $400 for defraying expenses incured by meetings of Committees &c at the Alms House

The Comptroller stating he had a confidential communication to make the

Doors were closed*

[294] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$28183.00
Warrants not presented	615.00
	$27568.00

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown D^{o}	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs D^{o}	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck D^{o}	339.50
Mandeville & Dobbs sund^{y} for Watch H p or^{r} Com^{e}	22.50
George White pursuant to Res^{n} Board 5 June	104.23
P *Branon* [Becannon] Insp^{r} bread to 10th June	97.70
P R Sprainger enforcing Sunday Law	24.00
Commercial Advertizer to 1st April	37.50
Even^{g} Post subscription to May	37.50
S M^{c}Cormick Park Keeper to 1 June	46.50
S Concklin atten^{g} Elec^{n} 9th W^{d} omitted in for^{r} acct	8.00
J M^{c}Comb Acct Work done at Battery	220.30
D Shiers to pay Lamp Lighters to 12th June	452.21
J Combs repr^{s} to Wells	38.25
C Oneil D^{o} " Drain near Collect	50.09
Henry Brush do " Wells	107.87
J Richardson do " do	52.52
Mark Reid bal^{c} Well & Pump in Mulberry St	86.00
A Smith paving Intersections of Streets	65.05
I Halsey bal^{c} regulat^{g} Mangin St	116.56
[295] J Vincent filling in side Walks J Day	15.60
J Williams regulating Leonard St	50.56
J Bailey paving Sundry Streets	259.90
J Meghan D^{o} Intersect^{n} D^{o}	52.41
T & G Lovett D^{o} Walnut " on acct	200.00

* No entry, although space is left for same.—ED.

T & G Lovett on Acct Drain Pearl St	800.00
J Mapes expenses to & from Albany pubc busss	50.00
M Reid acct of Well & Pump in Amity St	109.50
S Stilwell 1 Yrs rent Engine H. No 19	20.00
A W Hardenbrook balc acct Engr for 1814	753.84
L Pursiany Mud machine	208.72
John G Leake balc award opens Murray St	6278.21
J Gardner Award property taken for Nassau St	4838.00
J Davison Do Do Do Murray St	1875.83
J Chesterman Do Do Do 3d Avenue	599.46
T & G Lovett on acct bulk hd Albany Basin	1000.00
Jas Wallace Supdt repairs	500.00
R Furman Treasr New Alms Ho	5000.00
Peter McCartee to pay 30 Casks Oil	1012.26
	$27320.82
Balance	$248.01

[296] In Common Council July 3d 1815

present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Anthony L Underhill	
Augusn H Lawrence		Elisha W King	
Peter McCartee		Gideon Tucker	
Thomas R Smith		Daniel E Tylee	
Isaac S Douglass		Asa Mann	
George Buckmaster		Arthur Burtis	
William Few		Noah Brown	
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Edward Doughty to be appointed a City Surveyor was read and refered to the Committee on Surveys & Street Commissioner

A petition of sundry Inhabitants complaining of the situation of the Drain at the lower end of Chapple Street was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Albert Jou[r]neay for permission to construct a Cistern in the Street was read and refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant under the usual terms

[297] A Petition of Jeduthan Snow a Marshal for permission to sink a Hogshead in the Street in place of a cistern was read and Ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Tenton Conklin for License as a Butcher was read and refered to the Market Committee—And a Petition of John Vonk

for Stall N° 19 in Washington Market was also refered to the same Committee

A Petition of M & R Jaques for permission to erect a Lime House corner of White Hall & Front Street, & of M^r Dominick to erect one in Chatham Square, were read and refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of Petitions

A Petition for a Pump in Oliver Street was read and refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report ordinances

A Petition of J Austin & J Cochran Messengers of the Board for an encrease of Salary was read and refered to the Building Committee

A Petition of Richard D A Wade for appointment of a Weigh Master was read and refered to [298] the Committee on applications

A Petition of Elisabeth Fash Widow, whose Husband Michael Fash deceased was assignee of a part of a Lot belonging to the Corporation being 14 Feet on Pearl St 11 Feet 10 Inches in rear & 72 Feet in length with a gangway of 4 Feet and praying an extension of the lease for reasons therein mentioned was read and refered to the Comptroller

A Petition in behalf of William Lawrence to be appointed a Guager in place of William R Thompson resigned was read—and William Lawrence was appointed

A Petition of John Johnston for remission of fine incurred by selling squibs was read and refered to the Attorney with authority to remit.

A Petition from George Corlis for authority to s[h]ut up Frankfort Street for a few days while constructing a Vault was read and refered to the Aldermen & assistant of the Ward with authority to permit

A Petition that Third Street may be paved from Delancy to Rivington Street was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance against the late order of the Board directing the removal of certain quantities [299] of Manure and a Petition praying that the said order may be rigorously enforced were read and refered to the Board of Health

A Petition against a shop now erecting on the West side of Nassau St by J A Mildenberger was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of G Blauvelt & Cairns Minors for licenses as Cartmen were read & refered to the Mayor with authority to grant

A Petition that Grand Street between Walnut Street and the East River may be regulated was read & refered to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition that the Street and side walks of Broad Way between Broome & Spring St may be paved, was read and Resolved that the subject of paving the side Walks be refered to the Street Commissioner to report ordinances therefor, the residue of petition was negatived

A Petition of Alexander Coffin Agent of the State Prison was read stating that the Wharf of said Prison was in a state of decay that required a new one to be constructed and the Inspectors were desirous of extending the same to the permanent line of West Street [300] Which they requested permission to do—Ordered that the same be refered to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The following Petitions for Vaults were presented and refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the same under the usual conditions viz From Ferdinand Suydam in Bridge Street Robert Lenox N° 10 State Street A Westron N° 8, 9 & 13 State Street Peter Erberrn in Hester Street & Elias Dixon in White Street

A Petition of Daniel Phillips praying to be released from an execution upon which he was imprisoned for a fine incured was read and laid upon the table

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Cap^{ns} Balistrino Bowery OBrian Tillett & DeBrun incured by not reporting passengers agreably to law

The City Inspector presented a Special report upon a Nuisance in a Vacant Lot owned by M^{r} Jay in Broad St together with an ordinance for correction of the same—Which together with the following ordinances for correction of other Nuisances were passed

John Jay Ow^{r} Peter A Jay Agent Lots cr B^{d} St & Stone St cellars to be cleaned filled in & the Lots to be enclosed with a Board fence

[301] Ann White	ow^{r}	N° 65	Nassau St
Mary Spies	occp^{t}		
John Ackerman	ow^{r}	78	Barclay
John Merrit	"	70	Partition
Joseph Miller	occp^{t}		
Johnson	ow^{r}	7	Thames
Philip Rhinelander	"	305	Washington
Abijah Arden	"	65	Leonard
Mary Wall	occp^{t}	63	D°

The Comptroller & Counsel on the Petition of Peter H Schenck Reported that they see no objection to postponing the payment of the sum awarded to the Corporation as mentioned in the Petition, until the estimate & assessment of property to be taken for Maiden lane be made by Commissioners, to be appointed for that purpose—It being understood that interest be charged on the sum awarded to the Corporation, from the time when the same should have been paid until the confirmation of the Commissioners report—and your Committee further report the necessary steps for taking the ground of Mr Schenck for said Street ought forth with to be directed

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein
D S Jones

Which was approved and the Counsel directed to take the necessary measures to have the assessment made

[302] The following was received from the Loan offices

To the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Coma Council convened

The Subscribers the new loan Officers of the County of New York, respectfully represent that George B Ewart on the 10th day of May 1795 mortgaged to their predecessors in office all that certain messuage or dwelling House & Distil House Lot piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being in the 5 Ward of the said City in a certain street commonly called by the name of Rutgers Street which said lot of ground contains in breadth in front and rear 45 feet 3 inches and in length on both sides 75 Feet Bounded Northerly in front on Rutgers Street aforesaid—Southerly in the rear by the ground now or late of Jesse Smith on the West side by ground now or late of Jeremiah Vanderbilt & Lambert Suydam and on the East by ground belonging to Peter Goelet for the sum of $612.50—The Interest on this mortgage appears to be paid up to the first tuesday of May 1805, but from that time is due and unpaid—The then loan officers (as the Subscribers are informed) as by law directed advertised the property for sale and actually sold it, but the purchasor refused to pay the money and receive a deed on account of some alledged defect in the Title of Ewart. This fact was immediately communicated to your honorable Body with a request that you would authorise some person to investigate the state of the title

[303] This representation has been since frequently renewed but nothing effectual has been as yet done by Your honorable body. The default in the payment of interest again occuring this year, the Sub-

scribers have in pursuance of the directions of the law advertized the premises for sale on the 3d Tuesday of April next. The sale will then be peremptory, and should there be any deficiency, your honorable body are bound to make it good on or before the First Tuesday of October then next

The Mortgagor is dead and the person in possession of the mortgaged premises pretends that he has only a life estate in them This alledged defect of title was the reason why the former purchasor refused to complete the purchase. The personal representative of Ewart has always represented that his estate was insolvent at the time of his decease—On both these points the subscribers would respectfully recommend that an immediate investigation should be made by the Counsel of Your Hon^{l} Body to the end that if possible the principal and Interest which otherwise must be paid by your honorable body, may be secured out of the mortgaged premises, or the Mortgagors estate

(Sig^{d}) Jno J Irving, J Nitchie } New loan officers

Which was refered to the Counsel

[304] The Street Commissioner presented for execution an agreement with Jacob Halsey for constructing Piers at Catharine Slip which was directed to be duly executed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Engine. Roosevelt St

John Millard, Grocer, 326 Water St 4th W^{d} vice Jn^{o} Waters res^{gd}

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 6

Henry Smith, H Carpenter,

101 Harman 10 W^{d} " James Anderson "

N^{o} 31

John Vreeland, Mason 149 Church 5 W^{d} " C Mildeberger "

N^{o} 35

Peter Randale, Farmer, Harlaem 9th W^{d} vice James Kenyon "

Isaac Devoe Shoemaker D^{o} " " " J P Waldron "

The following communication from the general Committee of the Banks was presented & read

At a Meeting of the General Committee of the Banks in the City of New York 21 June 1815

It was Resolved that, in the opinion of the General Committee of

the Banks, it will be essentially convenient to the City that the Corporation should continue and increase the emission of small Bills of credit and that therefore the Corporation be requested in the name of the General Committee to continue the same

Sig[d] Chas Wilkes Sect Gen Com Bank

Whereupon it was moved that a further number of small Bills of credit be issued by the [305] Corporation to the amount of thirty thousand Dollars—The Question being taken thereon & a Division being called it was carried in the affirmative

Affirmative

Alder[n] Mapes — Lawrence — M[c]Cartee Smith—Douglass—Buckmaster—Few Munson

Negative

Alder[n] Mesier—M[r] Lorillard—Underhill King—Mann

Whereupon it was ordered that the said amount issue and that the Finance Committee be authorized to appoint an additional person to sign the Bills

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well in Amity Street and for paving Walnut Street from Grand Street to the Slip which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

He also presented an Ordinance for repaving Liberty Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street which was passed and William Stillwell. Thomas C Taylor & Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors

He also on the Petition of M Willett & others praying that Goerck Street may be filled in & regulated from Delancy to Stanton Street reported in favor of the Petition

[306] Which was approved and *we* [he] was directed to report an ordinance therefor

A Presentment of the Grand Jury was laid before the Board presenting as nuisances—The keeping of the public gardens on the Sabbath—The assemblage of Boys for sport on that day—The grounds called Lespinards Meadow—And those called the Collect

Ordered to be refered to the Committee on the Sunday Laws

An Invitation from Major Gen[l] Morton to view the Parade ordered in honor of the Aniversary of American Independence on the 4[th] Inst and to receive the salute of the Troops in front of the City Hall at ½ past 9 oclock was read and accepted

A Letter was received from Doctor Hosaack stating a proposal of M[r] Sully who painted the half length Portrait of Gen[l] Williams to

exchange with the Corporation and to give them a full length Portrait of Gen[l] Williams on certain terms—Which was read & refered with authority to act in the premises to Alder[n] Mesier Alder[n] Lawrence Alder[n] Mapes

Ordered that the subject of the amount due to the Corporation from M[r] Hardenbrook late Commissioner of excise, be refered to a Committee to make enquiry and take all necessary [307] steps for securing the same and to report thereon to the Board

Com[e] app[d] Alder[n] Douglass Alder[n] M[c]Cartee Alder[n] Munson

Ordered that the forfeiture and penalty incurred by Hathaway & Marsh the lessees of the Flag staff be remitted upon the payment of a fine of $20 & costs incured

Ordered that the following Committee have authority to appoint a Register of Dogs under the Dog law—And also that the Clerk give notice in the public prints that the said law will be strictly enforced

Com[ee] M[r] Tylee M[r] Mann Alder[n] Buckmaster

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	21664.13
Warrants not Presented	6591.42
	$15072.71

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following Accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown "	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs "	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck "	339.50
J Morton City Inspr &c to 5 July	437.50
S M[c]Cormick Park Keeper to 1 July	45.00
A Woodward Asst C Inspr " "	62.50
[308] J Tallman Asst City Inspr to 1 July	60.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters Field "	45.00
W M[c]Intosh St Inspr "	52.00
C E Duncan " " "	57.00
H W Peckwell " " "	52.00
P Burtsell Books Stationy Mayors Clerks Compr office	145.49
J Hardman Work on Highway	223.25
O Waldron " " "	195.74
J Bedient Coroner 18 Mar to 1 July	565.59
T & G Lovett Acct Drain Pearl St	187.46
D Stilwell reprs to Pumps	72.43
R Moran acct paving Barclay St	200.00
J Coddington rebuilding pier foot Vesey St	400.27

D S Jones to pay costs agst J Ordeneaux rep Com Laws	196.02
T & G Lovett on Acct Bulk head Albany Basin	1000.00
D S Jones paymt prinl & Int Hamilton Sq Bond	1751.40
J Fleming award property taken widen Nassau St	787.00
R Furman Treasr New Alms House	5000.00
R Furman By orr Board of 22d June	400.00
	$14065.40
Balance	$1007.31

[309] In Common Council July 17th 1815

Present The Honl John Ferguson Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Augustin H Lawrence		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter McCartee		Anthony L Underhill	
Isaac S Douglass		Gideon Tucker	
George Buckmaster		Daniel E Tylee	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		Arthur Burtis	
		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and aproved

A Petition of William Moore for extension of time for filling in a Lot agreably to an ordinance passed and not complied with—Ordered that upon petitioners confessing Judgment that execution be stayed for three months & fine remitted on complying with the ordinance

A Petition of William Kinkead for remission of fine incured by his Sons infringing the Sabbath law was read and ordered that fine be remitted on payment of costs

A Petition of Nicholas Stanachi for [310] remission of fine for selling Squibs stating that he was a foreigner utterly unacquainted with our laws & language and alledging his intire ignorance of such an ordinance was read and ordered to be refered to the Attorney with authority to remit the same if under the circumstances of the case proper

A Petition of Thomas Wiggins that his Son Daniel Wiggins a Minor may receive license as a Cartman was read and ordered to lie on the Table

Petitions were received from John Chapple John Schuyler Henry Pessenger Jacob Acker John Fash John Shane John Simmon and

James Taylor for Stalls in Catharine Market which were read & refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of Andrew I McLaughlin former lessee of the Flag Staff praying payment of certain improvements made by him while lessee of the same was read and refered to the Battery Committee

A Petition for a pump corner of Stanton & Columbia Street was read and refered to the Alderⁿ & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor if in their opinion proper

A Petition of Israel Wood for appointment [311] of Wood Inspector for 14th District was read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Margaret Smith praying compensation for ground taken to open 3d Avenue was read and refered to the Committee of Charity

A Memorial of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Hudson River between Duane & Spring Street Markets, praying that Officers may be directed to patrol the Street in the evenings and on the Sabbath to enforce the law against swimming was read and refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th & 8th Wards

A Petition of John Day Erasmus Lewis William Hill Abraham A Blauvelt—Thoˢ Rich and William Peters for appointment as assistants to Capⁿ of City Watch were read & refered to the Watch Committee

A further petition of sundry Inhabitants of Market Slip praying that a Block may be sunk between the Bulk Head of said Slip and the next Block in the Pier was read and refered to the Committee on Wharves & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Hunt & Van Nostrandt late lessees of Brooklyn Ferry stating that in [312] consequence of the occupation of the Slip by the Ferry Committee while building a Dock for the accommodation of the Steam Boat the Petitioners sustained great Damages to their Boats & losses in their receipts of Ferriages and praying compensation therefor was read and refered to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Chapple St stating that in their opinion the preamble to be adopted in making the assessment for the expenses of regulating said Street should be that as well those Lots which front on Chapple St as a[l]so those which front on Streets which discharge their waters into Chapple St should be liable to assessment and praying such rule to be pursued in the Assessment was read and refered to the Committee on the Petition respecting Cliff Street Viz The Alderman & Assistant of 2d Ward

A Remonstrance from the Inhabitants of Anthony Street against adopting the principle of the foregoing Memorial, principally because they have been once already assessed for the regulation of Anthony Street and because the regulations of Chapple St instead of benefitting will materially injure the lots in Anthony Street was read & refered to the same Committee

A Remonstrance against the Petition for opening [313] Hudson Street into Chamber St was presented and read

The Committee to whom had been refered the Petition on that subject presented a report which was read—And the consideration of the same together with that of the remonstrance was postponed until the next Meeting of the Board

A Petition of Samuel Ratcliff for permission to construct a cistern in Charlton Street and from A R Martin to construct one in Bancker Street were read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Peter Liall a blind man praying permission to solicit alms in the Street was read and negatived

A petition of George Wilson for remission of a fine incured by his Son firing a Squib was read & refered to the Attorney with authority to remit

A Petition of Michael Paff was received stating that he had made a considerable collection of valuable paintings and praying to be accomodated with a room for their exhibition in the building lately granted to certain literary Institutions

And a Petition from the Medical Society of [314] the City and County of New York praying to be accomodated with a Room in said Building for the use of said Society were read & refered to the Committee for carrying into effect the Resolution granting said Building viz Alder[n] Fish, Mesier, Lawrence, Smith, Buckmaster

A Report of the United German Lutheran Churches of the application of money granted by the Legislature for the use of Schools was read and ordered to be filed

A Memorial of Thomas Addis Emmet was received proposing an exchange in fee simple with the Corporation for a Lot of 5 Acres common lands held by him under lease from them for a Lot owned by him near the Botanic Garden Which was refered to the Alderman and assistant of the 9[th] Ward & Comptroller

A Petition of William Whaley stating that at the fire on the 6[th] inst (being a Watchman & not permitted to leave his Stand) his house was consumed together with his furniture & cloathing, & praying some relief—was read & refered to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of Messrs Mann & Bool praying permission to occupy a part of the South side of Cherry Street in placing a Capstan for a short time to hawl up some Timber [315] was read & refered to the Aldern & Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant

A Complaint of Richard Platt of a deposit of a quantity of manure in the ground belonging to the Corporation near the Arsenal was read and refered to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Compy

Alexr Kilpatrick, Grocer, Frankfort & Chatham St 4th Wd vice Edw Higgins resgd

F Eng Compy No 22

James Conerly, Shipwright, Bancker St 7th Wd vice B G Brown Do

F E Compy No 38.

Jonathan Morehouse, Carpenter, 2 M Stone 9th Wd vice J Brantingham Do

F E Compy No 39

James W Lovett, Acct, 46 Greenwich 1 Wd vice E Talbott Do

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances whch were passed viz for a Well & Pump in Cherry Street between Oliver & Catharine Street in which William Stilwell Ezekiel Bishop & William Tredwell were appointed assessors—For a Well & Pump in White Street between Broadway & Elm St in which William Stilwell Thomas C Taylor & Charles Stewart were assessors—For regulating & paving 3d Street from Delancy to Rivington St in which Ezekiel Bishop Aquila Giles [316] & Wm Tredwell were assessors—For filling up and regulating Goerck St from Delancy to Stanton St in which William Stilwell Thos C Taylor & Wm Tredwell were assessors—And an Order directing that, that part of Front St from the intersection of it by South Street at James Slip to Jefferson St be widened to 70 feet by adding 30 feet thereto on the Southerly side—And that front St so widened shall be a continuation of the permanent line & be known & destinguished as South Street—And also ordering that the owners of Grants fronting on Front Street between James Slip & Catharine Slip —do cause a Bulk Head to be built on a line seventy feet in front of their respective water Lots from Jame's to Catharine Slip by the first of November next & cause the same to be filled up & regulated by 1st May next

The Street Commissioner presented assessments for regulating Cannon Street from Delancy St to Stanton St and for regulating Gouverneur St from Division to Cherry St which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector in each

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents for Wells in Chamber Street & in Division St whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for collecting the same

[317] The Street Commissioner upon the Petition respecting a Stoop erecting by Mr Milderberger reported That Mr Milderburger has erected a three story house in Nassau St between Liberty St and Maiden Lane, the first floor of which is about eight feet above the sidewalk—to which he intends to erect a side stoop

The St Comsr has already informed Mr Milderberger—that he could not permit a stoop to be erected of so unusual a height and which must be a great incumbrance in that part of the Street—without particular permission of the Common Council

But as the ordinance relating to stoops does not define the height that stoops can be raised—the Street Comsr requests some instruction on that head

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

Whereupon the following Resolution was passed—Resolved that no stoop or steps projecting into a street shall hereafter be erected or built in any part of the City by any person or persons whomsoever unless by the permission & under the direction and regulation of the Street Commissioner under the penalty of 250 Dollars upon every offender for each offence

The Counsel presented a Law relative to the appointment powers and duties of Fire wardens [318] which was passed

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captns Vego—Lawton—Baldwin—Hoadley—Jayne & Bartlett for not reporting passengers agreably to law

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation begs leave to call the attention of the Board to the debt due from Samuel Kip to them, it will be recollected by those Gentlemen who were members of the Common Council in 1813 that Mr Kip having mortgaged to the Loan Officers of this City a certain piece of land at Kip's Bay to secure the payment of a sum of money borrowed by him from them and having neglected to pay the principal or interest the Loan Officers caused the mortgaged premises to be exposed to sale and that the Corporation became the purchasors to prevent a sacrifice of the property That thereupon Mr

Kip agreed to purchase the property from the Corporation and to pay therefor the amount of the debt and interest then due on the said mortgage and to give a joint and several Bond executed by himself and his Brother Cornelius Kip to secure the payment of the said Debt and interest at the end of one Year but without interest for that time this proposition was agreed to with this condition that the Deed to be given by the Corporation for the property [319] should be executed as an escrow and held by the Counsel of the Board as such until the payment of the purchase money

The Counsel begs leave further to state that the conditions of the escrow have not been performed by Mr Kip, no part of the purchase money having been paid by him at the limited period. Mr Kip is now willing that the deed should be cancelled and the property sold by the Corporation to pay the debt due by him as far as the proceeds may extend, and Messrs G & R Waite have agreed to give therefor the sum of eighteen hundred & Sixty Dolls for which price Mr Kip consents that the property be sold to them

The Counsel cannot see any objection to the proposed arrangement and has accordingly drawn a conveyance for the property in question to the Messrs Waites which conveyance however does not contain any covenant of warranty or seisen on the part of the Corporation—And he herewith presents the said conveyance to the board for execution if the arrangement be approved of by the Common Council

(Sigd) D S Jones

Which was approved & the Deed directed to be duly executed

The City Inspector reported That a Lot of Ground fronting easterly on Orange bounded [320] Southerly by Leonard Street and North easterly by ground of Dominick Lynch is a very great nuisance. That an Ordinance has been duly served on the owner who is willing to comply therewith but that the said Lot is under lease to a man who is insolvent and utterly unable either to fill it in or pay the rent. The Owner is desirous that the Common Council should cause the said lot to be filled in. The expense to be a lien on it, and that they would cause it to be sold according to law, when he would purchase it and be enabled again to come into possession & pay the expenses incurred

Sigd J Morton City Inspr

A Presentment was received from the Grand Jury presenting as nuisances, Lespinards Meadow—The Collect—The Drain in Chapple Street—The Cellars of many parts of the City particularly near the Fly market—a Soap Factory near the outlet of Van Dam Street &

Hetty St—and the broken state of many of the Wharves—They also recommended a strict execution of the Health Laws—Which was (excepting the Subject of the Wharves) refered to the Board of Health—That of the Wharves to the Committee on Wharves—And it was Resolved that it be refered to the Aldermen of the 5 & 8th Wards to consider and report a Plan for regulating Canal Street

The Committee on the subject of the Petition [321] of the Managers of the House of Industry presented a Report which was read and the Consideration thereof postponed

The following Resolution was presented by Alderⁿ Douglass & agreed to

Whereas by the 1st Section of the Law regulating Carts & Cartmen it is ordained that every Cartman shall be appointed or Licensed by the Mayor for the time being, which regulation has been recently complied with by the cartmen of the City during the Mayoralty of John Ferguson Esqr and the fees thereupon paid—Therefore Resolved That the Cartmen of the City of New York be permitted to receive license for the residue of the year from his honor Jacob Radcliff when he shall enter upon the performance of the duties of the Mayoralty without paying any fees therefor

Resolved that the public Porters be included in the above regulation

The City Inspector Reported Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following which were passed viz

Stephen Baxter	owr	167 Church St
Christian Heyle	occpt	
Mary Brown	owr & occpt	71 Leonard "
Jacob McKeag	Lessee	21 George
Thos Donnelly	occupt	
[322] James McIninch	Lessee & occpt	21½ George
Jacob McKeag	Do Do	187 William
Thos Egenton	owr	30 Cross
Wm Egenton	occpt	
John Ellet	lessee	47 Duane
John Tiebout	owr	Cr Division & Pike
Jacob Vanderbilt	occpt	
George Merserve	owr	" Rivington & Fourth
Thos J Campbell	Do	118 Duane St
Arthur McGarr	occpt	
Samuel Eldridge	owr	Cr Henry St & Neutral Alley

Wm Wheaton agent for George Miller	owr	123 Chapple St
Joseph Moon	occpt	
Abijah Pell	owr	64 Reed St
owners & occupants of Houses, adjoining Alley running f 30 Reed S[t)		
Thomas Bennis	owr	63 Market St
John R Willis	"	6 Jeys Alley
Cornelius Welsh	occpt	
Perine	owr	121 Harman St
Peter Henley	occpt	
Patrick Monaghan	Do	153 Front
Philip D Kettletass	owr	52 Anthony
Francis Marriotte	occpt	
Richard S Kissam	owr	87 Church
Thomas Jennings	occpt	
Benjn Ferris	owr	403 Greenwich
John Gaffert	occpt	
William Orr	owr	405 Do
John Roberts	occpt	
Henry Rankins	owr	407 Greenwich
David Cla[r]k, Richd Nexon	Lessees	
Thomas Pritchard	occpt	
[323] Henry Rankin	owr	409 Greenwich
David Clark & Richd Nixon	lessees	
The like owners		411 Do
David Clarke & Abm Jaques	Do	
William Tompkins	occpt	
Peter Spignet	owr & occpt	South Hampton St Love Lane
Thomas Leggett	owr	67 Murray
William Woods	occpt	
John McLaughlin	ow & Do	132 Bancker
John Peterson	Do Do	75 Do

The Committee on the memorial for opening 14th Street Reported That a direct communication from the East to the North River as prayed for by the Memorialists would in the opinion of the Committee be highly beneficial to all those residing in that neighbourhood and at the same time essentially subserve the public convenience; but as the opening of the 14th Street would be attended with considerable expense from several valuable buildings therein, and as legal measures have been adopted for opening the next Street (the 13th) from the East River to the Bowery Road and there being no buildings of much value

in any part of said Street, the Committee are of opinion that the opening of the residue thereof viz from the Bowery Road to the North River would avoid much expense and answer all the valuable purposes to the [324] public and to the Memorialists contemplated by their Petition They therefore recommend that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to take the necessary measures for opening the 13th Street from the Bowery Road to the North River

(Sigd) Nicholas Fish
Arthur Burtis

Which was approved and the Counsel directed to take the necessary legal measures for executing the same

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	11986.98
Warrants not presented	610.00
	$11376.98

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	698.37
Farrington & Brown Do	630.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	476.00
Willis & Van Dyck Do	342.12
S Walker Posting Bills Clk St Comsr & Compr	51.50
J Hays & others attendc 4 July	38.00
T Brown Do Musick Do	29.00
Wm M Summers Inspr Bread to 8th July	98.50
Mercantile Advetr Subsn to 1 July	37.50
National Advocate Do 1 May	31.62
B Skaats Candles for use of Hall	36.45
Do ringg Bells 4 July	36.00
W Peck Musket & cannon Cartrgs 4 July	47.84
J Richardson Reprs to Wells	47.08
[325] C O Neil cleang Drain in Collect	85.74
P Devoe filling Grates low end Bd St	10.72
R Furman Alms House & Bridewell	5000.00
L Bleecker Treasr N Y Free scool	1500.00
Economical School 1 Yr Rent H. Indusy ord	250.00
T & G Lovett on acct filling Albany Basin	1000.00
Jas Wallace Supdt reprs	500.00
	$10956.69
Balance	$420.29

[326] In Common Council July 25th 1815

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter McCartee		Anthony L Underhill	
Thomas R Smith		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		Daniel E Tylee	
		Asa Mann	
		Arthur Burtis	
		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		Noah Brown	

The Honl Jacob Radcliff presented a Commission under the great seal of the State appointing him Mayor of the City of New York bearing date 10th July 1815 and took his seat as President of the Board

His Honor the Mayor informed the Common Council that the Committee appointed to carry into effect the Resolution of the Board respecting Capn Stewart, having received intelligence of his arrival in town he had at their request summoned the Comn Council for the purpose of confering upon Capn Stewart the civic honors voted to him

The Common Council being informed that [327] Capn Stewart was in waiting the Mayor appointed a Committee consisting of Alderm Mapes & Smith to introduce Capn Stewart into the Council Chamber who performed that duty and upon Capn Stewart's being presented to the Mayor he addressed him as follows

Sir In behalf of this Corporation I have the honor to present to you the freedom of this City as a testimony of the high opinion they entertain of the gallantry & skill displayed by you in the capture of two of His Britannic Majesty's Ships of war the Cyane & Levant

Our Citizens have at all times felt a deep interest & the highest gratification in the prosperity and glory of our infant navy Having to contend on its recent trial, with a gigantic power on the ocean boasting of superior skill, and of triumphs over all other nations, it was natural, that in the commencement of the contest some doubts should be entertained of the immediate result; but the daring spirit & consummate ability displayed in its first efforts, accompanied with the most brilliant success soon dispelled those doubts, and inspired a confidence which has been confirmed & increased in every stage of its subsequent career. Not only has the honor of the American Flag been maintained in every conflict [328] but the achievements of our navy have transcended the most sanguine expectations of its friends;

and exalted the American name & character in every part of the world. It has given a pledge of inestimable value to the Country, and a proof to its Enemies that the people of these States are as capable of vindicating their rights on the Ocean as they have manifested the power of maintaining them on the Land

To you Sir is justly ascribed the honor of having supported and elevated this character, and of confirming this pledge in one of the last conflicts of the war, in a difficult & trying situation, contending with a superior force, and under circumstances which entitle the victory you obtained to be classed amongst the most brilliant feats recorded in naval History

Your countrymen are anxious to evince their gratitude for this event—and they feel a peculiar pride in bestowing their praise on the Officers and crew of a favorite ship, which was the first in the late war to acquire distinguished honor to the American Flag & after a course of unexampled success, among the last to extend and increase its lustre. I am accordingly instructed to request that you present the thanks of this Board to the officers & crew of the Frigate Constitution under your Command, for the heroic manner in which they engaged fought and conquered, on the occasion now refered to

[329] The Freemans oath was then administered to Cap^{n} Stewart and the certificate of the Freedom of the City together with a gold box were presented to him by the Mayor

Cap^{n} Stewart then addressed the Mayor as follows

Sir—I receive, with a lively sensibility the honorable testimony which you have confered on me in behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York and I must ever bear in grateful remembrance so distinguished a mark of their liberality

In the late contest with our skilful and gigantic enemy it has pleased Divine Providence to enable our countrymen to sustain with unsullied lustre the honor of our flag. To our fellow Citizens we owe our grateful acknowledgments for the strong interest they have taken in our infant navy, and for the liberality with which they have rewarded its exertions—Encouraged by their good opinion we have felt on all occasions that it ought not to be disappointed—If Sir I have been permitted through the confidence of our government and the valor of my Officers and crew, to contribute any portion of support to the honor of our Flag and the elevation of our character on the ocean I must ever consider it as one of the happiest events of my life. It will afford me Sir great pleasure to convey to the officers & crew I had the [330] honor to command, the distinguished notice the Cor-

poration of the City of New York have been pleased to bestow on their efforts—I beg leave to return my thanks to the Corporation for the honor they have confered on me, and the very liberal manner they have noticed the victory obtained by the officers and crew of the Frigate Constitution over his Britanic Majesty's late Ships Cyane & Levant. I also beg you, Sir, to accept my thanks for the flattering manner in which it has pleased you to convey to me this instance of the munificence of the Corporation

After which Cap[n] Stewart withdrew

The City Inspector Reported that Lot N° 91 in Cross St owned by George M[c]Kay and stated to be under lease to John Oneal is in a state of nuisance dangerous to the Health of the Inhabitants in that neighbourhood

An ordinance of the Corporation has been served upon the Lessee requiring him to fill it up but there being a dispute between the owner & the lessee as to the fact of the lease the ordinance has not been complied with—While a suit is pending against the parties the nuisance continues to the great detriment of the neighbourhood—The City Inspector considers this one of those cases which requires the interference of the Board, and he would recommend that they direct it to be done, and the Expense to remain [331] a lien upon the property

(Sig[d]) J Morton City Insp[r]

Which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented the following ordinances which were passed viz. for Well in Duane Street between Broad Way & Elm Street, in which Thomas C Taylor Aqula Giles & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors—And for a Well in Stanton Street between Sheriff & Columbia St—And for paving White St from Church St to Broad way, in both of which William Stillwell—Tho[s] C Taylor & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

A request was received from John Swartwout to be permitted to build a Vault in State Street which was refered to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Petition of W[m] Brady was received stating that adjoining to the 3[d] Avenue now about to be opened was a piece of salt marsh belonging to the Corporation which he was desirous of purchasing—Ordered that the same be refered to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

[332] In Common Council July 31 1815

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Es[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r] Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Isaac S Douglass		Elisha W King
Reuben Munson		Gideon Tucker
George Buckmaster		Arthur Burtis
		Noah Brown

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved.

A Complaint of the Rev[d] M[r] Channing against the conduct of some Ferrymen at Hell Gate Ferry, was read & refered to the Ferry Committee.

An application was made on behalf of a number of American Seamen who were prisoners during the war & lately returned in a cartel from England praying pecuniary aid to enable them to return to their respective homes—M[r] Recorder presented a Resolution—M[r] Jones moved as an amendment, that all the Resolution proposed by the Recorder after the word Resolve be stricken [333] out & to insert a Resolution proposed by him. The Question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative

M[r] Jone's amendment was then proposed in the words following & agreed to

Resolved that Alder[n] Mesier Munson & M[r] King be a committee to apply to the Collector of this Port for information whether the United States have provided any means for transporting the said Prisoners to their places of abode or for defraying the expense of so doing, and in case no provision has been made for that purpose & no other means exist of conveying them to their homes then that the said Committee be authorized to afford such aid as may be necessary for the purpose out of the funds of the Corporation

A circular address from a Committee of the Inhabitants of Petersburgh Virginia of 10[th] inst addressed to the Mayor, stating the great distress occasioned by a late conflagration of a large part of that town & soliciting pecuniary aid from the Common Council—was refered for consideration & to report thereon to Alder[n] Lawrence Alder[n] Buckmaster M[r] Jones

[334] An Invitation from the Trustees of Columbia College to attend the annual Commencement on 1[s] Aug[st] was read and accepted

A Petition of Ann Hallam for pecuniary assistance was read & refered to the Committee of charity

A Petition of Gershom Smith, stating that a House on the corner of Peck slip & Front Street owned by the Corporation, encroached on the Street 3 feet 6 inches—Ordered that it be refered to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller with authority to remove the evil complained of if it exists

Petitions of John Varrick Stephen Bourdett Junr William Merserve & of Valentine Merkle for stalls in Catharine Market—of Henry Steel for stall No 2 Fly Market—of Mary Brundrige praying to be restored to a stand for selling coffee in the Market from which she had been removed by the Market Committee And a Petition of John Patchin Butcher complaining of his removal by the Market Committee and praying to be again restored to his stand in the market were severally read & refered to the Market Committee.

A Petition for a pump in Anthony Street between Church & Chapple Street was read and [335] refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Joseph Corbey praying remission of a penalty incurred in not correcting a nuisance in time as prescribed by an ordinance, the same being now complied with was read and granted on payment of costs

A Petition that Elm Street between Anthony St & Leonard St and Anthony Street between Elm & Collect St may be regulated & paved was read & refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & St Comsr

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 10th Ward praying the removal of large quantities of Street Manure there deposited, was read & the consideration thereof postponed

Petitions from Abraham Vosburgh for appointment of City measurer of Jacob Blackwell for appointment of Weigh Master & of D Waldron for appointment of City guager were read & refered to the Committee on application.

A Petition of Charles Debevoise for permission to place building materials in the Street near corner of chapple & Leonard [336] was read & refered to the alderman & assistant of the ward with authority to grant.

A Petition of Samuel Thorn for remission of fine incured under the law against swimming was read & refered to the Attorney with authority to remit

A Petition that Rynder St & Orange St between Grand St & Broome St may be paved was read & refered to the St Commissr

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Hammond St that an additional

Watchman may be given to the Watch District—and a Petition of Daniel Caniff for appointment of Assistant to Captain of the City Watch was read & refered to the Watch Committee

A Petition that Water Street may be opened from Market Slip to Rutgers Slip was read & refered to the Alder^{n} and assistant of the Ward

A Petition of Joseph Delacroix for remission of fine incured by keeping his garden open on Sunday was read & laid on the Table & Ordered that all proceedings in the suit commenced against him be staid until the further order of the Board

A Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of Courtlandt [337] Street against the erection of a Ferry House at the foot of Courtlandt Street by the New York and Jersey Steam Boat Company stating the same to be injurious to their property and illegal as contrary to the conditions of the Water grants by the Corporation to the proprietors of Lots in that vicinity—Ordered to be refered to the Ferry Committee & the Counsel with authority to the Committee in case of the absence of the Counsel of the Board from the City to employ other Counsel

A Petition of George Moor for remission of penalty incured by not filling in a Lot agreably to an ordinance, was read & Ordered that upon confession of judgment execution be stayed 30 days and that upon complying with the ordinance at that time the penalty be remitted

A Petition of Rebecca Deas in behalf of her Husband David Deas who is absent, praying time for payment of assessment for opening 3^{d} Avenue, was read & refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant a delay of four months, Interest being paid on the sum assessed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

[338] F Enge. Comp^{y} N^{o} 2

John Seabury. Tinman, 80 Harman St 7th W^{d}
vice Job Freeman res^{d}

N^{o} 5

John Mathews, Shoemak^{r} 5 Barkley 3^{d} W^{d} vice Danl Arms D^{o}

N^{o} 6

Joseph J Cooper Baker 20 Crosby 6th W^{d}
vice Helmus Garrison D^{o}

N^{o} 14

William J Hoyt Account, 320 Washington S^{t} 5 W^{d}
vice Nicholas Cooper D^{o}

N° 15

Moses Dewey, Tin plate worker, 234 Greenwich 3d Wd
vice John Defrese resd

N° 24

Michael Funk accr 56 Fair 2d Wd vice Lawrence Myer Do

N° 31

Ephraim Cutter Mason 22d Anthony 5 Wd
vice Wm R Thompson Do

Ordered that the Chief Engineer make a return of the names of all the Firemen who have resigned since the first of May

A Petition of Samuel F. Randolph for permission to construct a cistern in Little George Street, was refered to the St Comssr

The resignation of Jacob Morrison as assistant of the City Watch was presented & accepted

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances existing on the premises of the following persons which were passed

George W. Skellon	owr	132 Bancker St
John McLaughlin	occpt	
[339) Benjamin Aycrigg	owr	39 Park
James Butler	Lessee	
James Dobbin	owr	35 Henry
Mary Watt	occpt	
Richd Megary &	Megary occpt	N° 9 Jefferson St
Abm Binninger	Lessee 2 Lots	Cr Duane & Augustus
Anna Livingston & M Archer	occpts	Cr Roosevelt & Oak St
S F Randolph & David Hutchins	owrs	83 Cross St
John Oneal	owr	99 & 100 Cross St
Beekman	Do	156 Bancker
Edward M Grimes	occpt	
Executors of the Estate of Andrew Hopper deceasd, John Johnson Joseph Strong Benjn Birdsall Charles Debevoise & the Washington Insurance Company		owners of the alley running from Chapple St between Nos 91 & 93 Said St
James Scott	owr	Cr Bancker & Market
Daniel Buck	42	Do
Patrick Gallagher	44	Do
William Jackson	46	Do

George Ricker		48	Bancker
Wm & J Sterling		50	Do
Dackaliah Brown		52	Do
Wm Ogden & John B Murray	owrs	76	Chamber
Mrs Van Steenburgh	owr		
George Sturges			
Thos Roby	occpts		
Thos Wood			
George Little	owr	Cr	Lewis & Delancy

The Street Commissioner presented an [340] ordinance for regulating and paving Anthony Street from Elm to Collect Street which was passed and William Stillwell Thomas C Taylor & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors—And an ordinance for improving the Drain at Burling Slip and for repaving the intersection of Pearl & John St which was passed and William Stillwell Ezekiel Bishop & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented assessments, for repaving Barclay Street from Greenwich St to the Bulk Head—and an Assessment for paving Chapple Street from Thomas St to 100 Feet below Leonard St which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

The Street Commissioner presented a communication suggesting the propriety of enlarging the accomodation for Coasters & River Vessels at the Albany Basin (N River) which was refered to the Come on Wharves.

The Street Commissioner presented a Report on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Vesey St against auction sales being held in that Street which was directed to lie for consideration

The Comptroller presented the following

[341] The Comptroller has the honor to represent to the Common Council that the Bellevue Committee are in want of funds for the Buildings now erecting at Bellevue under their direction—and which if funds are promptly furnished may possibly be compleated this season The situation of the Treasury will not admit of any appropriations from that quarter, until after some progress is made in the collection of the Taxes for the current year, which cannot be calculated upon until October or November next and it therefore becomes necessary to look to some other means for meeting the expenses which will be incured by continuing the operations at Bellevue

The sum already expended on that establishment amounts to $340 000 which has been effected without the imposition of any additional Taxes or creation of new loans except the loan of last Year for $50 000 for the payment of which however funds are now provided out of the proceeds of the Sales of the Battery Lots

It is computed that $40 000 will be required this season to complete the Establishment—to raise which two modes present themselves for consideration

The one a loan from the Banks on the usual terms—The other a loan from the [342] fund arising from the issue of corporation Bills of credit, the latter is prefered because it would be without interest and would be refundable from the City Treasury at different & in small payments as might be from time to time required by the Committee appointed to redeem the worn out Bills which could be done without any sensible effect on the City Treasury

The Comptroller is aware that this may be in some measure considered a deviation from the Plan which he had heretofore the honor to suggest—to witt of investing the proceeds of the small change fund in securities bearing an interest and not permit them to go into the City Treasury

It will be observed however that this money is required for a specific object and the new Alms House may be charged with the amount received to be refunded as the necessities of the redeeming Committee require

If this proposition is concured in by the Common Council, the Bellevue Committee may be authorized to borrow of the small change fund a sum not exceeding $ for which they will give receipts and account in the usual way—if this project meets with objection it is presumed a loan can be made, or, such [343] measure adopted to raise the money as the Board may direct

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein Comp^{r}

Whereupon it was moved by M^{r} Lorillard that a sum not exceeding $40 000 be borrowed for that purpose from the fund established for the redemption of the money Bills issued by the Corporation allowing to said fund an interest of 6 p^{r} Ct p^{r} Annum

The Question being taken thereon and a Division being called by M^{r} Jones it was caried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 9 Alder^{n} Mapes. Buckmaster Munson Mes^{rs} Lorillard. Underhill. Tucker Tylee Burtis Brown

Negative 5 Alder^{n} Mesier. Lawrence Douglass Mes^{rs} Jones. King

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captns Hallett. Boyd. Gifford Leggett & Jarvis for not reporting Passengers agreably to law

The Counsel presented a law entitled "a Law concerning Dogs" which was read by paragrap[h]s and passed

Resolved that Abner Curtis be and he is hereby appointed Register & Collector of Dogs

The Counsel presented Petitions to the Supreme [344] Court for the appointment of Commissioners to open and extend Elizabeth Street to Bleecker Street To improve and enlarge Chapple Street—To open 13th Street from the Bowery to the North River—And to improve and enlarge Maiden Lane, which were directed to be duly authenticated

He also presented grants for water lots on the Hudson River to John P. Ritter & Cornelius Harsin which were directed to be duly executed

He also presented Bonds of arbitration between the Corporation & E & P Dobbs to settle a dispute relative to the building of the Piers at Brooklyn—which were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Common Council that the Commissioners of estimate & assessment who were appointed to open the Second Avenue from North Street to the Northerly side of 29th Street have awarded to certain of the owners of the property required for the said improvement the sum of three thousand and seventy three Dollars and five cents—and have estimated the benefit to certain property benefitted by the said improvement at the sum of two thousand six hundred and sixty one Dollars and twenty three cents leaving a deficiency of four hundred and eleven Dollars and eighty two cents together with the [345] expenses and charge of eight hundred and thirty six Dollars and eighty cents to be raised by assessment on the property lying out of the Commissioners limits—Whereupon the Counsel herewith presents to the Board an ordinance for the appointment of assessors to assess the said sum according to law; and he submits to the Board the propriety of appointing as assessors, the same persons who acted as Commissioners in the premises: viz John McKesson Edward W Laight & Ezekiel Bishop

(Sigd) D S Jones

Whereupon the Ordinance recommended was passed

The Committee on the Petition of N Dobbs presented a report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed

The Committee on the Petition for Wharves at Vesey, Partition & Dey Streets presented a Report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed

The Counsel & Street Commissioner on the Petition of P G Stuyvesant Reported

That the principal fact set forth in the said representation to wit, that certain parts of 13th St had been omitted by the Commissioners in their estimate & assessment is correctly stated by Mr Stuyvesant that this apparent inaccuracy arose from their being different sets of [346] Commissioners employed in opening Thirteenth Street First Avenue Second Avenue and Third Avenue at the same time—that the Report of the Commissioners on the 13th Street was made to and confirmed by the Supreme Court in August term last and that none of the land forming part of the said thirteenth Street and which was also required for the said First Second or Third Avenues was estimated assessed and taken by that report it being supposed that those intersections would be estimated assessed and taken by the reports in the above mentioned avenues and that those reports would be made to the Supreme Court at the same time with the 13th Street report and that such was the case excepting as to the Second Avenue in which case the Report was not made and confirmed until the now last term of the Supreme Court—Under these circumstances your Committee did not think that it would be proper to compel Mr Stuyvesant to pay the assessment when the Street could not be opened until the intersection aforesaid by Thirteenth Street and the second Avenue should be taken by due course of law—Altho' no doubt existed in the minds of the legal right of the Corporation to enforce such payment immediately upon the confirmation of the [347] Report on 13th Street Your Committee have therefore given to Mr Stuyvesant the whole effect of his application by delaying to report upon it, as thereby the execution of the Warrant has been suspended

But inasmuch as the proceedings for the opening the Second avenue are now complete so far as to remove all the difficulty in the way of opening Thirteenth Street

Your Committee respectfully recommend that the Collector take the necessary legal measures to procure from Mr Stuyvesant the amount assessed upon him in the premises

(Sigd) D. S. Jones
Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was accepted

The Committee on applications on the Petition of Robert Stanton Reported in his favor the consideration of which was postponed

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	10618.50
Warrants not presented	652.34
	$9966.16

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
[348] Willis & Van Dyck Watch	339.50
John Ferguson late Mayor Salry 11 Mar to 18 Jun	2473.97
Thos R Mercein Compr fr 1 May to 1 Aug	500.00
J McComb St Comr 1 Qr to " "	375.00
A Woodward Asst City Inspr to " "	62.50
J Tallman Do to " "	62.00
Wm McIntosh St Inspr to " "	54.00
C E Duncan Do to " "	54.00
H W Peckwell Do to " "	54.00
M Ackerman Keepr Potters field to " "	46.50
J L Morton to pay Assors old paprs Clerk office	50.00
L Pursiany for Mud Machine to 10 Inst	199.75
L de Jouett repaymt in part Intest Est	143.98
S Waldo Portrait Genl Macomb	400.00
The Columbian Subsn to 1 July	37.50
Estate of D Stilwell reprs to Pumps	15.00
A Rook acct Signal Poles to 1 Aug	142.15
Martling & Cozzins Dinner 4 July	533.50
R Graves Asst St Comr 1 Aug	200.00
M Reid Acct Well Pump Amity St	109.50
J Bailey pavg intersecns Streets	252.31
J Maghin Do Do Do	169.25
C Mooney pavg Chapple St	200.00
T & G Lovett Do Walnut "	200.00
Comptrolr to pay Aldern Court Sessns attendance from Oct 1814 to Augst 1815	1008.00
Jas Wallace Supd Reprs	350.00
	$9820.66
Balance	$145.50

[349] In Common Council Augst 14th 1815

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Jonas Mapes Augustine H Lawrence Peter M^{c}Cartee Thomas R Smith George Buckmaster Reuben Munson	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard Anthony L Underhill Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Daniel E Tylee Asa Mann Arthur Burtis	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

An account for supplies furnished American Seamen Prisoners of War lately returned amounting to $486.7 was ordered to be paid & a Warrant directed to be issued accordingly

A Letter from Alexander J Dallas Secretary of the Treasury of U S in reply to one written to him by the Mayor on the subject of supplies for American prisoners was read stating that no advances would be made by the Treasury Department beyond specific appropriations but that he would lay the subject before the President—Which was directed to be filed

A petition from certain Inhabitants that Washington [350] Street between the Albany Basin & Marketfield Street may be widened from 50 to 60 Feet was read & refered to the St Committee & St Commissioner

A Petition that Grand St from Walnut St to the Foot of Grand St may be regulated & another petition that the same may be paved were read & Refered to the Street Commissioner to report upon

A Petition of Ann White praying further time for complying with an ordinance respecting filling of Lots, was read & refered to the City Insp^{r} & time given for 30 Days & all proceedings in the interim to cease

A Petition of Marinus Willett was read stating that agreably to ordinances of the Common Council he had at his own expense constructed a bulk head at the foot of Delancy Street, & praying the usual allowance therefor—Was read & refer'd to the Com^{e} on Wharves & Comptroller

A Petition for a Well in Pearl St between Augustus William & Elm Street was read & refered to the Alderman & assistant of the 6th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Ward & Bishop praying the use of some Wharf to

land plaister of paris upon for which they would pay a reasonable compensation was read and refered to the Committee on Wharves

A Petition of sundry purchasors & Sellers of [351] manure praying the Common Council would assign some place of deposit for said article was read—Whereupon it was moved that the resolution of this Board on the subject of manure be rescinded—The Question being taken thereon and a Division being called by Mr Mann it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 11 Aldern Mapes Lawrence McCartee Buckmaster Munson Messrs Lorillard Underhill Tucker Tylee Burtis

Negative 2 Aldern Smith Mr Mann

Whereupon the following Resolution was presented by Mr King & agreed to

Resolved that a Committee be appointed with full power to locate some proper place or places on this Island for the deposit of manure and that no manure hereafter be deposited in any part of the City except at the place or places which shall be designated by such Committee under the penalty of fifty Dollars for each offence and that nothing contained in this Resolution shall be deemed to apply to the public contractors for manure

The Committee appointed were.

The Aldern & assts of the 8th 9th & 10th wards

Petitions were received from Alexander Campbell Junr & Daniel Wiggins (minors) [352] praying for Licenses as Cartmen which were read & refered to the Mayor with authority to grant if in his opinion proper

A Petition of Jos. S Pudney for appointment as Printer to the Corporation was read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Donald McCullam to be permitted to construct a cistern in Water St was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that Ferry Street may be opened & Extended to Nassau St was read & refered to the St Come & St Comssr

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants complaining that the water course in Peter St had been obstructed was read & refered to the Road Committee & St Commissioner

A Communication was received from the Revd John Stanford recommending certain regulations for the Government of the paupers School about to be established in the new Alms House—which was

directed to be refered to the Committee appointed to devise regulation for that Establishment

Viz

A Petition of Philip D Kettletass praying remission of fine incurred by not complying in time with an ordinance, was read & refered to the City Inspector [353] with authority to remit

The Chief Engineer agreably to the order of the Board reported the names of Firemen who have resigned since the First of May last and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to make a list of such of them as were competent to serve as Jurors and furnish the same to the Clerk of the City & County in order that the names may be put in the Jury Ballot Box

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Engn Company

James Lightbody, Dyer, 23 Bancker St 4th Wd
vice Davd Gibson resd

Charles Sweesey, Grocer, 94 Catharine St 4th Wd
vice Thos Youle Do

Jacob Morrison Carpenter, 6 Harman St 7 Wd vice Wm Achyon Do

Hose Compy No 1

Benjn E Smith, Grocer, Cr Pump & Mott 6th Wd
vice Jos H Horton Do

F E C No 5

Peter Wright, Carpenter, 118 Fly Market 2d Wd
vice John S Nostrand Do

F E C No 10

David Delaney, Shoe makr 197 Bowery 10th Wd
vice Jos Chandler Do

Moses C Palmer, H Carpenter, Art St 8th Wd vice Peter L Webb expeld

F E C No 13

Isaac Underhill, Mercht, 22 Vandewater 4th Wd vice Benjn Haight resgd

F E C No 15

Albert Vanderhoof, Shoemakr, 33 Pike St 7th Wd vice Geo Byrnes gone sea

Thomas Devoe, Grocer, Cr Pump & Mott 6th Wd vice Peter Chapple resgd

F E C N° 36

John Casper, Starch mak[r], 51 Greenwich St 8[th] W[d] vice John T Holsted remov[d]

Nich[ls] Glashing, B[l]ack Smith, Spring St Market 8[th] W[d] vice Henry R Lord expel[d]

[354] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Smith & Carr	owrs	N° 26 Division St
John Youle	D°	Broome S[t] N 64 Comm[n] Farm
John Batchellor		12 Thomas St
John Place	D°	W Cr N Moore & Chapple
John Disbrow	D°	N Cr D°
Benj[n] Lynt	occpt	
Tunis Riker	ow[r]	68 Chapple
Mary Spies	D°	5 Theatre Alley
Gerald M[c]Enry	ocpt	
Jeremiah Manning		77 Broad St
Thomas Herring	ow[r]	58 William St
Robert Williams	occpt	
David Spicer	D°	138 Bowery
Samuel F Jarvis	ow[r]	306 Pearl
Stephen Wilson	occpt	
James Bird	ow[r]	304 D°
Benj[n] Merrit	occpt	
William Sandford	Lessee	74 Nassau St

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Washington Street from Spring to Christopher St in which Ezekiel Bishop Thomas C Taylor & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

For a Well & Pump in Anthony St in which William Stilwell Tho[s] C Taylor & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

For regulating and paving Elm Street from Pearl to White Street in which William Stillwell Tho[s] C Taylor & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed [355] assessors—which several Ordinances were passed He also presented assessments for repaving the intersection of Pearl & John St and for repaving Anthony St from Hudson St to 100 feet easterly of Chapple St which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector in each.

He also presented a return of Delinquents upon the assessments for the First avenue Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue for collection of the same

The Committee of Charity upon the Petition of Ann Hallam reported That on investigation it fully appears that the facts set forth in said Petition are true and that the good character of the Petitioner is supported by the testimony of several respectable Citizens

They therefore recommend that the Comptroller issue a Warrant for the Petitioner for thirty Dollars

Sig[d] J Mapes
Asa Mann
Arthur Burtis

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to issue a Warrant therefor

The same Committee on the Petition of Jonathan Solomon reported That a positive rule of the Board forbids granting [356] the prayer of petitions of this nature—they see no propriety in violating the rule in this case and therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

(Sig[d]) J Mapes
Asa Mann
Arthur Burtis

Which was approved

Resolved that Jacob Blackwell be and he is hereby appointed a Weighmaster

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to visit the Alms House & Bridewell in the recess of the Board, and that they report the situation of the same at the next meeting of the Board

Com[e] appointed were His Honor the Mayor—Alder[n] Mapes—Munson—Smith

A Member stating he had confidential business to communicate the

Doors were closed

[357] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	18953.16
Warrants not presented	610.00
	$18343.16

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown	"	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs	"	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck	"	339.50

G Sneethen Supdt Lamp, pay Lamp lights	481.70
J Izod reprs & paints Watch H. ordr Come	39.94
J Macomb balc due. Trees for Park	45.95
S McCormick Park keepr to 1 Aug	46.50
I Lufborrow regulat Clock Rutgers St	16.66
J Hardcastle printing to 1 Aug	88.25
J L Morton to pay for Freem City Cap Stewart	35.00
J Richardson cleaning Wells	65.79
J Tine reprs to Pumps	102.41
J Hardman reprs to pubc Roads 1 Aug	202.52
O Waldron Do Do	194.11
D Mollenor use pt his Land—Rd fr Manhattan Vl	50.00
J Chalton reprs to Streets	7.87
St Comsr Commissionrs & Attys fees openg Hanover Sqr	844.70
R Moran pavg Barclay St	300.00
Thos Scott Do Broadway	700.00
C Mooney Do Chapple St	200.00
J Vincent filling Collect Lots	217.92
P Schermerhorn Int due on Bond for Beekn Slip	450.00
T & G Lovett for account of Bulk Head &c at Albany Basin	800.00
[358] J Franklin Chief Engineer for fire Wood for Engine Houses	87.50
W Fish City Treasurer to pay 1 Qrs Interest on N Y City Stock	10500.00
J Wallace Supd Repairs	500.00
Aldern Munson Expenses of Distressed Seamen to pay Aldn Furman & J L Morton	486.07
	$18593.64

Balance ..... $

[359] In Common Council August 28th 1815

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen: Peter Mesier, Jonas Mapes, Augustine H Lawrence, Peter McCartee, Nicholas Fish, Reuben Munson

Assistants: Samuel Jones Junr, Jacob Lorillard, Anthony L Underhill, Elisha W King, Gideon Tucker, Daniel E Tylee, Asa Mann, Arthur Burtis, Noah Brown

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition for an Engine to be established near the Stone Bridge was read & refered to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Samuel Marks for appointment as Printer to the Corporation was read and refered to the Committee on application

A Petition of Seaman Hawley for appointment of assistant to Captain of City Watch was read & refered to the Watch Committee

Two remonstrances against opening Ferry St [360] were presented and refered to the Committee on that subject Viz the Street Committee & St Comss[r]

A Petition of James M[c]Donald Lessee of Lot N[o] 3 Elm St praying time until 1[st] November for payment of rent due was read and the prayer granted

A petition from sundry owners of Lots praying that the Carriage Way of Broadway be paved from Canal St to Art Street and that the side walks from Sugar loaf St to Art St be paved 10 Feet wide, was read and refered to the Street Commission, with authority if the requisite number petitioned for the improvement and if the situation of his contracts for paving will permit it, to act upon the prayer of the petition

A Petition of Thomas Hanna a Soldier in the late Army of the U S praying pecuniary relief was read & refered to the Com[e] of Charity

A Remonstrance against paving Grand St from Walnut Street was read & refered to the Street Commissioner to report thereon

A Petition of sundry owners of Lots in Bridge St praying permission to extend the stoops of the Houses they are now building two feet more than the extent allowed [361] by law, was read and refered to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Joseph Graham praying remission of penalty for selling bread lighter than the weight prescribed by the Assize was read and refered to the Inspector M[r] Summers.

A Petition of sundry owners of Lots, that Lombardy may be opened from Clinton to Walnut St was read and refered to the St Commissioner with authority (if the requisite number of Owners petitioned for it) that it be granted

A Petition of Archibald Dunlap for permission to place a Hogshead in the Street for a Cistern, was read and negatived

A Petition of Richard L Walker for permission to replace in the Street a Cistern was read & refered to the Street Commissioner, to grant on the usual terms

A Petition of George W Skellorn praying relief on an ordinance directing removal of a nuisance was read and refered to the City Inspector

A Communication from D[r] Isaac Ball [362] recommending the es-

tablishment of public Baths was read & refered to Mr King Alden Buckmaster & The St Comssr

A Petition of Canal De Lenore for permission to launch a Balloon was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Edward Hitchcock Lessee of Public Slips stating that by filling in the Albany Basin by order of the Common Council and by the occupation of Market St Slip by the Horse Boat under authority of the Ferry Committee, considerable damage had accrued to him, and praying compensation, was read & refered to the Comptroller

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F. E. C. No 25

Jno L Gale, Jeweller, 54 Beekman St, 3d Wd
vice Wm Primrose resgd

No 28

Thos Blair, Grocer,
Cr Hester & Mulberry, 6 Wd vice Benjn Sands Do
Geo Edwards, Black Smt, Green, 8 Wd, " Alexr C Wiley Do

No 34

Charles Cromwell, Dyer,
Cr Reason & Gilbert St 8 Wd, " Oliver Wells Do

No 39

John A Hawes. Ship Chandler,
274 Pearl St. 2d Ward " Charles Trinder, resgd

[363] F, E C No 41

Sylvenus Hallock, Sash Maker,
Norfolk St 10 Wd " Any C Hoyt Expeld
Danl P Howard, Dock Builder,
Attorney St 10 Wd " Solomon H Marsh resgd

The Committee on the Petition for widening Thames St presented a report, which was read and the further consideration postponed

The Committee on Surveys on the Petition of Edward Doughty to be appointed a City Surveyor reported in his favor, and he was accordingly appointed to that office

Resolved that the following Laws be and the same are hereby re-enacted

A Law to preserve the peace of the City

A Law to regulate pawnbrokers and dealers in the purchase and Sale of second hand furniture metals and Clothes

A Law to prevent the setting off or discharging Squibs Crackers or other fireworks

A Law to prevent the removal of ground from the Streets

The above were submitted & recommended by the Counsel of the Corporation

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation respectfully communicates to the Board that the Supreme Court of this State at the present August term has confirmed the Report of Estimate [364] and assessment made to them in the following cases viz 1. for the enlarging straightening & extending of Fair Street—2 for the opening & extending of North St—3 for the opening & extending of Hudson St, from Vandam to the center of Hamersly St—4 for the opening of 28th St from the 3d avenue towards the East River—& 5th for the opening of 125 St from Manhattan ville Road to the 3d avenue—And as the Common Council will become liable to pay the awards for damages in these cases at the expiration of four months from the time of confirmation of the Reports respectively, and are now liable to pay the expenses attending the proceedings the Counsel suggests to the Board the propriety of appointing a Collector to collect the sums assessed by the Commissioners for benefits in the said cases to meet the said payments. The ordinances for the appointment of Assessors to assess the deficiencies left by the Commissioners will be laid before the Board at their next meeting, as the amount of the expenses and of course the precise deficiency is not yet ascertained

The Counsel begs leave to add that the Lands and premises required for the opening and improving these several Streets & avenues are now vested in the Common Council & that the several improvements may forthwith be commenced

(Sigd) D S Jones

[365] Which was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to take the necessary steps for carrying the same into effect excepting that relating to Fair Street, and in that case he was directed that if three fourths of the Proprietors of the Lots to be affected by said improvement would unite in requesting a postponement until the 1st May next so that the Corporation would not be liable for Interest upon the Sums assessed by the Commissioners of assessment, that then the proceedings in that improvement might be suspended—Upon Motion Noah Jarvis was appointed collector in the said several assessments

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captns

Thurber—Seely Williams Briggs, Finlayson. Bishop and Bauermeister for not reporting passengers agreably to law

The Counsel presented an amendment to the law To prevent nuisances. the consideration of which was postponed

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment for opening the 2d avenue with the objections that had been made thereto. which was refered back to the Assessors for revision

[*366]

[367] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	16080.33
Warrants not presented	7110.00
	$8970.33

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
B Skaats & 2 Asst City Hall	363.97
J Tallman Asst City Inspr to 1 Sepr	62.00
A Woodward Do Do Do	62.50
C E Duncan Street Inspr Do	54.00
H W Peckwell Do Do Do	54.00
W McIntosh Do Do Do	54.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters field	46.50
J Varrick Inspr Bread Do	95.20
P Aymar Collecr City Revenue	214.00
J Hedden Specl Justc 1 Qr to 26 Aug	250.00
J Warner Do Do Do	250.00
J Hopson Do Do Do	250.00
B Oblenis Chf Clerk Police Office	250.00
R Stephens Asst Do Do Do	150.00
J Hays & others enforcg Sunday Laws 1 Qr to 26 Aug	200.00
J Hays Do Extra servs certfd by Spl Juses	181.34
T Hazard & 2 assts Kps City Prison 1 Qr to 26 Aug	512.50
H Brush reprs to Pumps	167.10
J Combes Do Do	104.12
A Stillwell Do Do	14.50
E Jennings 1s Instlmt Well pump Stanton St	56.00
[368] G Charlton 1 Instlmt Well Pump White St	80.40

* This page in the manuscript is without number and blank except for an insertion in pencil, apparently of later date, reading *The Comptroller on Pet of J Halsey & Others reported—*
which was appd & grants direcd to be made out.—ED.

Thos Scott acct pavg Bd Way	500.00
R Moran Do Do Barclay St	200.00
P Fenton & others ½ reprs. Fly Market Wharf	441.59
J Angus Iron Bolts for Wharves	96.71
T & G Lovett Acct contct for Catharine St	1000.00
W Green Blinds for Mayors office	120.75
Martling & Cozzens Dinner Capn Stewart	257.00
Horton & Taylor Pictr Frame for Comr Perry	110.00
	$8327.75
Balance	$642.58

[369] In Common Council Sepr 15 1815

Present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Jonas Mapes Augustine H Lawrence Peter McCartee Thomas R Smith Isaac S Douglass Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard Antnony L Underhill Elisha W King Daniel E Tylee Asa Mann Arthur Burtis Wm A Hardenbrook Noah Brown

Assistants

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Robert MaComb that some ground under Water adjacent to his Bridge may be sold to him was read & refered to the Comptroller

A Petition from the same person praying that the 8th Avenue may be opened to his Bridge was read and refered to the Survey Committee with authority to grant the prayer on condition that it comports with the plan of the Com of Streets & Roads and that it is without expense to the Corporation

A Petition from John J Stewart praying [370] permission to erect a lime House in New Street where he is about building was refered to the Aldern & Assistant of the ward with authority to grant, on condition that the building is commenced this Fall

A Petition of William Cornelius praying remission of a Fine under the Street law was read and granted on payment of costs

A Communication of Samuel Jenkins of Philadelphia stating that he had manufactured a superior kind of Fire Engine Hose & offering to supply them was read and refered to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Ralph Duncan requesting permission to resign his office of Guager and to be appointed a Measurer, was read, and his resignation was accepted, and he was appointed a Measurer of the City

A Petition of Bernard Brady praying remission of a Fine incured under Dog law was read and Refered to the Register Abner Curtis

It being represented that some improper conduct had been exercised by one of the Drivers of the Dog Cart towards a Black Boy by throwing him into the cart—the subject was refered for enquiry to Alder[n] Smith, M[c]Cartee & M[r] King

[371] A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Murray St praying that a Pump in said Street may be removed, was read & refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer on condition that the expense be born by the Petitioners

A Petition from Samuel Thompson for permission to build a vault in Cedar St was read & Refered to the Street Commissioner to grant under y[e] usual terms

Two Petitions from sundry Owners of Hackney Carriages praying that the law regulating Hackney carriages directing the Numbers of the Carriages to be painted on the Doors—and directing the rates to be fixed up, may be altered—And that suits which had been commenced against them for breaches of the law in those particulars may be withdrawn, were read—& Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

A Request of John A King in behalf of M[r] Ray who is absent from the City requesting that the consideration of the question respecting the opening of Thames Street in which he is deeply interested may be further postponed until the next meeting of the Board was read

[372] A Petition of Frederick Hanlon praying that a Hucksters Stand may be granted him in the Washington Market and a Petition of Robert Patten that the Stalls in Greenwich Market may be numbered were read and refered to the Market Com[ee]

A Petition of George W Cook for appointment of measurer, was read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Representation of William H Cameron and others proprietors of Lots in Fair Street stating that part of their Lots in Fair Street have been taken for opening said Street which will not now be wanted for that purpose, and offering to purchase the same at a certain price, was read, & Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

A Letter from William T Slocum Register of Deeds for the City and county of New York was read stating that in his opinion it would tend greatly to the security of the registry of Deeds for property in this City if all the Books of Records were newly indexed, and recommending that measure to the Corporation

Whereupon it was resolved that it be refered to the Committee on Laws to make a Contract for the performance of the same & cause the same forthwith to be commenced

[373] A Letter from A J Dallas Sect^{y} of the Treasury of $\overline{U}$ S. stating that he had communicated to the President the subject of the relief afforded by the Corporation to distressed American Seamen and he had authorized him to assure the Corporation of his cordial disposition to afford all the relief in his power, and if existing appropriations will not permit a reimbursement, immediately he would cheerfully recommend the case to the consideration of Congress

Which was ordered to be filed

Two petitions from sundry owners of lots praying that Mott Street may be widened to fifty feet from Chatham Street to Pell Street and a communication from the St Com^{s} recommending the same, were read and laid for consideration

An account of the Superintendant of Alms House for supplies furnished to American Seamen late prisoners of war amounting to $248..77 and a Warrant ordered to be reported for the same

A Resignation of William Lawrence as Assistant of Captain of City Watch for 4th District was presented and accepted—And William M^{c}Laughlin was appointed assistant in his place

[374] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder N^{o} 2.

Allen Doughty, Acct, 28 Oliver St, 4th W^{d}
vice W^{m} M Hitchcock resg^{d}

John Woods, Carpenter, 8 Vandewater 4 W^{d} vice Ab^{m} Smith D^{o}

Hook & Ladder N^{o} 4

Jn^{o} Horton, Grocer, 5 Catharine St 7th W^{d}
vice Mason Seely D^{o}

John Fowler, Cord Wain^{r}, 68 Bowery 6 W^{d}
vice Elisha Williams D^{o}

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 12.

Joshua Dennis, Chair o[r]namen^{r}, 69 Cliff S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d},
vice Isaac Scrim D^{o}

F E Compy N° 26

John Buckley, Shipwright, Cr Bancker & Rutgers, 7 Wd vice Stepn Wright resgd

John Vail Shipwright, 110 Bancker, 7 Wd vice Bn Berrian D°

F E C N° 22.

Richd Morrell, Shipwright, Lombardy St 7th Wd vice Lewis Clock D°

F E C N° 33

Joab Miller Carpenter Grand St 7 Wd vice Danl Lounsbury D°

F, E. C N° 36

David Baker, Blacksmith Spring St 8 Wd vice Jos. Tompkins D°

Isaac Revere, Carpenter Greenwich St 8 Wd vice John Casper D°

F, E, C, N° 40

Thomas Mook, Butcher 6 Rhinder St 6 Wd vice Truman Bartholemew D°

A Letter from the Revd John Stanford offering his lot N° 81 Fair Street for sale to the Corporation was read and refered with authority to contract to Aldern McCartee, Aldern Mapes Mr Lorillard

The City Inspector presented ordinances for [375] correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Estate Abm Cannon decesd Saml Cowdry & Wm Bennet Exrs		Lot	Broome St
J R Livingston	owr	12	Leonard "
Freeborn Garrison George Taylor	D° agent	14	D° "
John R Livingston	owr	21	D° "
Abijah Arden Alexander Latting	D° occpt	5	White "
Benjn Aycrig James Butler	Owr Lessee	39	Park "
Abraham Brower John Curtis	Owr Occpt	41	Roosevelt "
James Cave Nathan H Tyrrell	owr occpt	29	Oliver "
Mount & Wetmore Jas Lane & Richd Wasburn	Owrs occpts		Charlton "
Joshua Barker	Ownr		Laurens "
Alexander Fink	D°		Third "
Henry Pope James Emmet & others	D° occpts	33	oak "

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents for regulating and repaving Anthony Street from Hudson St to 100 Feet east of Chapple St whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue for collection of the same

The Street Commissioner presented the follow[g] [376] assessments which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed collector in each—viz assessments for repaving Robinson St from Greenwich St to the Bulk Head—For repaving Nassau St from Cedar St to near Wall St—For repaving Rector Street from Greenwich to Washington St For paving Third St from Delancy to Rivington St—For regulating Goerck St from Delancy to Stanton St—For regulating and paving Rivington St from Pitt to Columbia St—For repaving part of Leonard St—He also presented a return of the assessment of the surplus damages in opening 2[d] Avenue which had been refered back to the Assessors for their examination with their report which was as follows

The Subscribers assessors for raising the surplus expense of opening the Second avenue respectfully represent—That they have maturely considered the objections to the assessment list returned to them by Your Hon[l] Board for revision without being able to discover any good reason for altering said assessm[t]

We understand the objections to be that $233 are assessed on the Corporation—2[d] that St Stephens Church and cemetry's near first St are not assessed—In answer to said objections we would respectfully submit to your consideration, that the second avenue will form the more immediate great communication from the Bowery to the Corporation [377] property at Bellevue affording an opening of great convenience to the public and advantage to said property which ought therefore to contribute its proportion towards the expense—As to the 2[d] objection it is sufficient to observe that the Cemetry's being actually used as burying places are not benefitted and therefore ought not to be assessed—We admit that where the opening or widening of a Street makes the access to a place of worship more direct or the site more convenient & pleasant, an advantage would be derived for which the congregation ought to contribute, but such is not the case with St Stephens Church which acquires no such benefits by the opening of the 2[d] avenue

(Sig[d]) John M[c]Kesson
Ezekiel Bishop

Whereupon the said assessment was confirmed

The Street Commissioner presented the following ordinances which were passed—1 For regulating and paving Leonard St from Broad-

way to Elm St—in which William Stillwell Thos C Taylor & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors—2 For Regulating and paving Fair Street from William to Pearl St, in which the same assessors were appointed—For a Well & Pump in Pearl St between Chatham & augustus St in which Ezekiel Bishop—Thomas C Taylor & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors [378] For regulating Grand St from Walnut St to the Bulk head in which William Stillwell Ezekiel Bishop & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to communicate to the Board that the Commissioners of estimate and assessment on the enlarging straightening & extending of Fair St deemed it proper to include & comprise in their estimate and assessment in the premises the whole of certain lots of ground parts only of which were required for the said improvement—These were Lots belonging to Stephen Van Wyck, to William R Thurston & to William H Cameron John A Cameron & Mary M Cameron (the particular parts of which required for the improvement & also the residue not so required will appear by reference to the Commissioners Report in the premises) By the provisions of the act in this respect it becomes necessary that the Corporation should sell the parts of the said lots which are not required for the improvement and apply the nett proceeds towards payment of the sums estimated & assessed by the said Commissioners for damages sustained by the persons whose lands & premises have been taken for the said improvement—And as the appointment of Assessors to assess the deficiency left by the [379] Commissioners, must be delayed until the precise balance can be ascertained (which cannot be done until the net proceeds of Sale are known) it is indispensable that the sales should take place as soon as may be at all advisable

(Sigd) D S Jones

Which was approved and the parts of said lots were directed to be sold at auction under direction of the Comptroller Street Commissioner & Counsel

The Counsel presented for execution a grant for a Water lot to Jacob Halsey on the Hudson River, and a grant for a Water Lot To Thos & George Lovett on the East River, which were directed to be executed as Escrows until the counterparts are executed by the Grantees

The Comptroller on the Petition of Saml L Mitchell & others for Water Lot grants

Reported. That it appears that applications had been heretofore

made for grants by several of the then proprietors of the adjacent ground which has never been acted on, but that verbal permission was given by the then St. Commissioner to make further improvements of the property than the old grants authorized in consequence of the projection of their Bulkhead [380] which had unfortunately moved outwards into the River after it had been sunk—Under these circumstances the Petitioners claim grants upon the same terms as were allowed at the time of their making the application aforesaid; Altho' some weight is due to the reasons thus assigned it does not appear proper to grant it to its full extent, as it would ultimately give them an advantage over those who are now taking out grants on the established terms. It will be recollected that the maximum rate for grants on the East side of the City is $2.50 p^r foot and that the property in question is embraced in the first district and of course the terms would be $2..50 p^r foot or the maximum Rate—Under all the circumstances which have presented themselves for consideration, the Comptroller respectfully recommends that Grants be issued to the Petitioners, on the following terms—provided they are forthwith taken out and their several Wharves & Piers made, on or before the first day of November 1816

From May 1815 to May 1820 75 cents per foot front for 100 feet deep exclusive of Streets

1820 to 1827 $1..25 p^r foot

1827 to 1834 $1.75 do and after that time $2.50 or the maximum rate

The Comptroller further reports that the Docks & Piers between Beekman & Peck Slips are in a very ruinous situation and that [381] several of the Proprietors are desirous to improve that Block—the only one which remains unimproved on the East side of the City—it is suggested whether it would not be advisable to extend to them the terms now proposed to be given to the within named applicants provided they will complete their improvements by the time herein recommended, unless the Board have it in contemplation to reserve that property for public purposes

(Sig^d) Tho^s R Mercein City Comp^r

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to prepare the grants accordingly

The subject of the state of the Docks & Piers between Beekman Slip & Peck Slip mentioned in the Comptrollers Report was refered to Alder^n Mapes Smith M^r Lorillard

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation has the honor herewith to present to the Board ordinances for the appointment of assessors to assess the balance of the Damages & expenses on the assessment of benefits as estimated & assessed by the Commissioners in the several cases of North St and 125th Street. And for the reasons heretofore expressed he suggests the propriety [382] of appointing the same Gentlemen for assessors who have acted as commissioners in these cases viz. Peter Hawes—John Slidell & John Forbes on North St and John Mowatt Junr Augustus Wright & Thomas Bolton on 125th Street—The amount of damages, and expenses, and assessment for benefits in these cases and of course the balance to be now assessed will appear by the subjoined statement to which the Counsel begs leave to refer

In the case of Hudson St & 28th St which were lately confirmed by the Supreme Court as mentioned in the counsels Report at the last meeting of the Board no further assessment is requisite the Commissioners having assessed upon the property benefitted a sufficient sum to cover the expenses in those cases

(Sigd) D S Jones

Statement

North St	Amount of damages			$1024.85
	Do Expenses			669.17
				1694.02
	Assessmt for benefits			843.98
	Balc to be raised by Assessrs			850.04
125th St	Amount of damages			$2147.37
	Do Expenses			467.43
				2614.80
	Assessmt on Individuals	1790.21		
	Do " Corporation	333.		2123.21
	Balc to be raisd by Assrs			491.59

[383] Which was approved and the ordinances passed agreably thereto.

The Counsel presented the following

The Arbitration Bonds lately entered into between this Board and Peter & Elias Dobbs having expired, the Counsel has altered them by extending the time to the first day of December next, and herewith

presents the one which is to be executed by the Corporation and suggests the propriety of having the same executed de novo

(Sigd) D S Jones

Which was approved & the Bonds directed to be executed

The Road Committee presented a Contract with E Jennings for working the 3d Avenue approved by the Counsel which was directed to be executed

The Inspector of Bread Wm Summers to whom was refered the Petition of Thomas Graham reported That on the 28th day of August last he went to inspect the bread of Thomas Graham and found it deficient in weight from 3 to 4 ounces each loaf in all 260 Loaves, the men stated they did not know of the new assize that was issued the last week, he told them he could not help that, as Mr Graham had forbid me [384] leaving the assize and had undertaken to procure it himself, which he had done for several months past, he therefore seized the Bread & forbid them selling it, on my return for the Bread he was informed they had sold it whereby the public were wronged of their just due not finding the bread nor receiving the fine he reported the same to the Attorney of the Board for collection. On the Monday following he again found his bread deficient in weight from two to five ounces each loaf and seized 46 loaves (at the same time having the assize before them) This he likewise forbid them selling, but notwithstanding they did sell it to the injury of the public, this he likewise handed over to Mr Jones. The Petitioner states that the like has not occured in near three years, in that time I have seized of his baking 255 loaves, Exclusive of the above, part of which was recovered by Mr Jones. The Petitioner has told me he would see me damned before he would pay me for bread when I have seized it as he would find means to get it clear—I am therefore of opinion from the numerous times I have found his bread deficient in weight that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted

(Sigd) Wm M Summers

Which was confirmed

The Committee on applications on the petition of Daniel Waldron to be appointed a City [385] Guager and of Abm Vosburgh to be appointed a measurer of grain &c reported in their favor and they were appointed accordingly

The Report of the same Committee on the Petition of Robt Stanton was called up and agreed to and he was appointed a City Weigher

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Peter Aymar reported

That having fully considered the same they are unanimously in the opinion that under all the circumstances as truly represented in the memorial it would only be doing an act of justice to the Petitioner to grant so much as to allow him instead of $2 p^r day a Salary of eight hundred Dollars p^r annum commencing from the 5^th June last. But that it would be inexpedient to make the proposed alteration to allow a Commission or percentage, as it is found necessary for the public Interest that a part of his time should be dayly employed in the Comptrollers office when his services are found useful & necessary for the convenience of our fellow Citizens in the collection of the Corporation Revenues &^c

Your Committee with pleasure take this opportunity of stating to the Board their entire approbation of the official services of the petitioner and therefore request that the Board will be pleased to make the proposed increase to his salary which [386] they believe he is fully entitled to

(Sig^d) A H Lawrence
J Mapes
A L Underhill
Dan^l E Tylee
Reuben Munson.
} Finance Committee

Which was approved, on condition that he furnish to the satisfaction of the Comptroller all Maps & Memorandums respecting the public property which he has or may from time to time have in his possession

The Watch Committee on the several applications for the office of Assistant of the Third District City Watch Reported That they have had the subject under consideration and have had no small difficulty in selecting one from the numerous applicants to fill that office, all of whom are men of good character and appear to be well recommended which has occasioned a greater delay than your Committee had intended, believing however that the office ought to be speedily filled they have selected M^r Thomas Rich Jun^r and do accordingly recommend that he be appointed to that *to that* office

(Sig^d) E W King
J Mapes

Whereupon Thomas Rich Jun^r was appointed to the said office

[387] The following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that Noah Jarvis be and he is hereby appointed Collector

during the pleasure of the Common Council of all assessments now due or hereafter to become due and payable to this Corporation

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that whenever any application is made to the Common Council for opening widening or otherwise enlarging any Street or Avenue—that it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner to cause notice thereof to be published for one week in the several Newspapers employed by this Board previous to its being determined on by the Common Council in order to give persons interested therein an opportunity of expressing their opinions thereon

On motion Resolved that John Hardcastle be and he is hereby removed from the office of Printer to the Corporation

The Board then proceeded to fill the vacancy when Samuel Marks was appointed p[r]inter to the Corporation

A Member stating that he had confidential business to communicate—the

Doors were closed

[388] Alder[n] Lawrence Chairman of the Committee of Finance, stated that the Committee in pursuance of the reference to them by the Board, had had frequent conversations with M[r] Hardenbrook late Commissioner of Excise on the subject of the sums received by him and due to the Corporation—That M[r] Hardenbrook had evinced great desire of doing every thing which his present situation enabled him to do towards satisfying the Corporation for the same yet due by him and he had submitted to the Committee a proposition which Alder[n] Lawrence read in his place—After some short discussion it was agreed to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to write to M[r] Warner the present Commissioner of Excise and request from him payment of the monies which he has received upon the granting of Excise licenses

Resolved that the Council & Comptroller be directed to take all legal measures to procure a settlement with Beekman M Van Beuren former Commissioner of Excise and to recover from him, as Commissioner of Excise the amount due to the Corporation

[389] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	13044.30
Warrants not presented	840.75
	$12203.55

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Alderⁿ Mapes for Mʳˢ Hallam orʳ Bᵈ	30.00
D S Jones balc due as Attʸ 5 Mo endᵍ 20 July	165.27
John Wells Counsel fees suits eject sundry persons at Brooklyn	200.00
J Leonard List passengʳˢ Coalers 6 Mo	25.00
Dᵒ " Foreign Dᵒ	25.00
B Skaats for W Bruce Box Candles C C Chambʳ	15.00
Stolenwerck & Brothers Gold Box Cap Stewart	225.00
P Becanon Inspʳ Bread 1 Qʳ 10 Inst	91.00
J Morss & others referees for valuation U S property at the Battery	100.00
O Waldron Work publᶜ Roads to 1 Inst	245.30
J Hardman Dᵒ Dᵒ	228.37
J West Sptᵉ Turpentine for Lamps	20.87
Alderⁿ McCartee Balᶜ due him for sundry Accounts for Lamps	85.97
G Sm[n]eethen Supdt Lamps to pay Lamp Lighters to 11 Inst	491.06
A Stillwell repairs to Pumps	21.50
J Richardson Dᵒ " Wells	64.87
C Mooney on Acct pavᵍ Chapel St	500.00
H Bullwinkle filling in Lot in Cross St	8.10
J Meghan reprs to sundry Intersections of Streets	49.74
S Kip award for property taken for the 3ᵈ Avenue	87.41
[390] L Pursiany for mud machine for Aug	320.05
T Franklin 1 Qʳ as Ch'f Engʳ to 8ᵗʰ Aug	200.00
J Hyer sundry repairs to an Eng Ho	24.57
J Haviland repairing Hoes to Engines to 12 Augᵗ	449.96
J Wallace Supt Repʳˢ 1 Qʳ Salʳʸ 10 Aug	225.00
T & G Lovett Acct Contct Albany Basin	2186.25
J Halsey Dᵒ Dᵒ Catharine Slip	3293.75
Aldⁿ McCartee balᶜ due for Corporation's proportion of repairs to Peck Slip	1570.77
Jas Wallace for acct of Repairs	500.00
	11452.81
Balance	$750.74

[391] In Common Council Sep^{r} 25 1815

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
Isaac S Douglass		Daniel E Tylee	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of John G Warren praying remission of penalty incurred by not complying with an ordinance, respecting the enclosing and filling in a Lot—was read and refered to the City Inspector

A similar petition from Samuel Bradhurst was read & refered to the City Inspector & Street Commissioner

A Petition of John S Miller praying remission of a penalty under Pawnbrokers [392] law, was read and granted, on payment of costs & Petitioners taking out a license to bear date at the expiration of the former

A Petition of John Barry praying remission of penalty under Sunday Law, was read and leave granted to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Memorial of Richard Varick & others was read stating that they had with some surprise & regret seen an advertisement of the Comptroller of the State, advertizing for sale large portions of the City for non payment of quit rents on Colonial grants which had been considered as merely nominal, and praying the subject to be taken into consideration by the Common Council—Whereupon the same was refered to the Comptroller

A Petition of the purchasors of Government House Lots on State St praying that said Street may be widened, was read & refered to the Alder^{n} & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report thereon

A Petition of J Simonson for Stall N^{o} 5 Fly market was read and refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of Henry Schenck to be appointed [393] a Weighmaster —a Petition of William Frost to be appointed a measurer of grain &^{c} and a verbal application of Andrew Boden to be appointed a measurer of grain &^{c} were presented and the persons were appointed to the several offices solicited

A Petition of Benjamin Aycrigg praying remission of fine for not complying with an ordinance, directing, removing of a nuisance—was read & resolved Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of C Pell & others stating that a small gore of land was left by running the 3d avenue, between 3d avenue & the Bowery which is of little or no use to the Owners & praying the same may be taken for public purposes was read & refered to Mr Lorillard Alderm Buckmaster Mr King

A Petition of Gershom Piercy for appointment of Wood Inspector was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of David Haines for remission of fine incured under the Dog law, was granted on payment of costs and on Petitioners causing the Dog to be registered

A Petition of J & A Wilson was read stating [394] that they are owners of House No 79 Fair Street that the same projects but about two feet in the projected line of the Street & will not interfere with the digging out of the same—and praying the same may remain until the next Spring—Whereupon Resolved that it be refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the same provided it will not interfere with the regulation of the Street

A Request of J Heyer to fill up a Well & Pump opposite his house in Beaver Street was refered to the Alderm & Assistant of the 1st Ward with authority to grant on Petitioner's removing the same at his own expense

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Walter Bowne	owr	Lot		Canal	St
James Davidson	Do	"	408	Greenwich	"
John Dixey	Do		54	Ann	"
Somerndyke	Do		5	White Hall	"
Thos B Gates	occpt				
Thos Gardner	owr		50	Beaver	"
John Liggason	occpt				
Thos B Barker	owr		84	Mott	"
Samuel M Kip	occpt				
Benjm Kip	Do		27	Mulberry	"
J Fisher & White	owrs		103	Pump	"
Thos O Devoe	occpt				
S Saltus	owr		43	Beaver	"

[395] Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Rynder St from Grand to Broome Street, which was passed and Thos C Taylor—Charles Stewart & Aquila Giles appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication recommending the widening of Cliff Street which was refered to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner to consider & report on

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving Washington St from Barclay St to Murray St which was confirmed

The Street Commissioner reported that he had advertized agreably to the rule established by the Comn Council that Petitions had been presented for widening Mott Street, but that no objections thereto had been received—A Remonstrance against the same and also a further petition in favor of the measure were then presented & read—The Communication of the Street Commissioner on that subject presented at the last meeting was then read as follows

[396] The Street Commissioner having perceived with deep regret the ravages made by the late Fire in Mott St, the loss sustained by the occupants of buildings destroyed, is no doubt distressing and the owners of property considerable but as much good often results from partial evils—The St Comssr begs leave to suggest for the consideration of the Common Council a plan by which in his opinion the property will be greatly benefitted

Mott St from Chatham St to Pell St is at present but 36 Feet wide, the Lots on the East side are from 113 to 127 feet deep, he would therefore recommend that the Street be widened to 50 feet wide which would leave an average to the lots of about 100 feet—it is a known fact that property generally bears a value in proportion to the width of the Street on which it is situated and the Street Commissioner has no doubt, but the lots on Mott St would be enhanced by the proposed improvement to more than the loss sustained by the late fire, being in the center of a flourishing & healthy part of the City, it would become the residence of the more wealthy part of the Community & consequently command an advanced price to the proprietors, therefore hopes the subject will meet the encouragement which in his opinion it justly merits

(Sigd) Jno McComb Junr
St Comssr

[397] The Petitions presented at the last Meeting were also read—Whereupon it was resolved that the measure meets the approbation of the Common Council and that the Counsel be directed to take legal

measures for widening the same agreably to the Report of the Street Commissioner

The Comptroller on the Petition of Robert MaComb reported in favor of the Petitioner and recommended that a grant issue on the usual terms subject to such restrictions as the Street Commissioner may deem proper

Which was approved & a grant directed to issue accordingly

The Council presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Board that the several parcels of land fronting on Fair St which were vested in the Corporation by the report of the Commissioners of estimate & assessment who were appointed for the improvement of Fair Street and which said parcels of land were ordered by the Board at their last meeting to be sold by public auction were so sold on Thursday last to the following persons & for the following prices that is to say

1st	The Lot heretofore belonging to Wm H Cameron & others at the N E corner of Fair St & Cliff St sold to Thos Rich for.....	$1275
[398] 2d	Part of W R Thurston's Lot & part of S Van Wycks Lot making together a Lot at the S E corner of Fair St & Cliff St Sold to Stephen Van Wyck for.....	4800
3d	Another part of Stephen Van Wycks Lot lying S Ely of the last mentioned Lot sold to John Hone for.....	5000
4th	The part of W R Thurston's Lot at the Corner of Fair St & Pearl St Sold to Wm L Simers for.....	750
5th	The remaining part of Wm R Thurston's Lot lying in the rear of Mr Wrights property sold to Robert Henderson for.....	590

An[d] the Counsel herewith presents to the board for execution the deeds of conveyance of the above mentioned Lots to the respective purchasors, which Deeds it will be seen contain no covenants or waranty on the part of the Corporation inasmuch as the Corporation has no interest in the proceeds of the sale—the neet proceeds of the property after deducting the charges of sale and the proceedings and conveyances subsequent thereon are to be credited and allowed by the Corporation as part payment of the surplus of the sums estimated & reported by the Commissioners to be paid for damages over and above the sums assessed & reported by them to be paid for the benefit & advantage of the improvement of Fair Street

By the subjoined statement it will be seen that the balance of $42606 remains [399] to be assessed by assessors to be appointed by this Board, upon such property as may be deemed by them benefitted by the improvement and which has not been included in the Com-

missioners assessment—and Messrs Peter Hawes Zachariah Lewis & John Fobes having acted as the Commissioners in this matter and being more competent to make the assessment than persons to whom the whole subject would be new, the Counsel submits to the Board the propriety of appointing them assessors for the said purpose

It being essential that the further assessment should be made and collected as soon as possible for the purpose of enabling the Corporation to pay the sums awarded for damages without advancing out of the Treasury more than the amount assessed upon the Corporation for their proportion of the value of the buildings, the Counsel has prepared the necessary ordinance for the appointment of assessors & herewith presents the same to the Board

(Sigd) D S Jones

Statement

Damages awarded by Comrs		90596.50
Amount of Expenses		1757.34
		92353.84
Deduct		
Assessmts for benefits	21556.80	
Corpn for Buildings	15900.	
Net proceeds Sale of gores	12291.	49747.80
Balc to be raised		$42606.04

[400] Which was approved and the Deeds therein mentioned were directed to be executed as escrows until payment of the consideration money, and the ordinance mentioned in the report was passed

The Market Committee on the application of Thos White for Stall No 22 Washington Market reported in favor of granting the same Thomas Winship the present occupant having relinquished the same

Abner Curtis on the Petition of Bernard Brady reported that on or about the 26th day of August last the men appointed by the Register & Collector for the purpose of killing & burrying Dogs (viz) Wm Bouker & Israel Lawrence seized a dog runing at large (without rope or collar) in Elizabeth Street and while in the act of putting the said dog in the Cart (the said dog unhurt) Bernard Brady came out of a yard adjoining and furiously seized said Dog & swore he would sooner loose his life than they should have him, the interposition of one of the Marshalls produced a parley when the petitioner after some reluctance (saying you want to prosecute me) gave his name & received his Dog the above Dog had been at the Bowery for several Weeks (since the

above affray) has been given to a Cap[n] of a vessel bound to one of the Southern States

(Sig[d]) Abner Curtis Reg[r] Dogs

[401] Whereupon Resolved that the fine be remitted upon payment of costs and upon registering the Dog

The Committee on Wharves to whom was refered the Petition for sinking a Block near Market St Slip reported

That the situation of valuable property on the Bulk head now in eminent danger of destruction, from the great depth of water and the velocity and strength of the tide setting between the outer block and the Bulk Head, your Committee are decidedly of opinion there can be no permanent security for the adjacent property, or the Pier itself but in sinking a block in the manner pointed out by your petitioners your committee therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to present an ordinance in conformity to this report

(Sig[d]) Isaac S Douglass
George Buckmaster

A Petition on the same subject from A Dally & others was also presented & read—Whereupon on motion to agree to the report of the Committee the same was carried in the affirmative

A Remonstrance of Cornelius Ray & others against opening Thames St was read—The Report of the Committee which was laid for [402] consideration was called up & read as follows

The Committee to whom was refered the further consideration of the subject of opening Thames St respectfully report that they have viewed the grounds and are unanimous in favor of the contemplated widening of the said Street, that it would be a very great public improvement that it would tend much to ventilate & beautify that part of the City, that it would answer as a convenient Avenue from Broadway to Greenwich St, all which is much required as there is no wide or convenient communication from Broadway into Greenwich St between Courtlandt St and the Battery—Your Committee with pleasure inform the Board that the St Commissioner & a number of very respectable Citizens coincide with them in the opinion that it is much to be desired & that it would be a handsome & useful improvement

Sig[d] A H Lawrence, A L Underhill } Committee

Whereupon it was resolved that it is inexpedient to widen said Street as proposed in the report of the Committee

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of N Dobbs presented on the 31st July last & laid for consideration was called up & read as Follows—The Committee on Streets [403] & Street Commissioner to whom was refered the Petition of Nathaniel Dobbs Report

That the petitioner states that some time in the year 1805 he being possessed of a Lot of ground in Sullivan Street and being about to erect on it a small tenement for the accomodation of his family applied to Mr Charles Loss then one of the City Surveyors to survey his Lot, and height of the Street which was accordingly done and the Petitioner built his house in conformity thereto that in about five years thereafter upon a new survey it was discovered that his House was upwards of four feet back from the line of the Street That in the course of last summer another survey was made by order of the Common Council for the purpose of regulating Sullivan Street on which it was found that the Petitioners House had been set seven feet & upwards too low and the Street having been filled up to that height his house was nearly ruined and he compelled to pay a considerable sum of money for the supposed improvement, all which circumstances your Committee have good reasons to believe are true, but at the same time they cannot discover any just grounds the petitioner has to claim an indemnity from the Common Council even supposing the survey to have been done erroneously [404] or wilfully wrong (which in this instance there is no reason to suppose) at the time the Petitioner built his House no measure had been taken by the Common Council to regulate or fix its height consequently every person built at his peril in that particular and a Surveyor could do no more than conjecture what its probable height might be when regulated, Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the petitioner is not entitled to any indemnity from the public—But as the Petitioner is a poor man with a large Family and has sustained so serious a loss without any fault imputable to him your Committee feel it their duty to recommend him to the charitable consideration of the Board

(Sigd) E W King
A L Underhill
Jno McComb St Comsr
Geo Buckmaster

Whereupon the opinion of the Committee in relation to the Petitioners right to reimbursement was fully approved—And in consideration of Petitioner's circumstances the subject of a gratuitous allowance to him was refered to the Committee of Charity

The following Resolution was presented by Alder[n] Smith and agreed to

Resolved that notice be given to the owners [405] & occupants of certain Lots situated at or near the junction of Chapple & Provost Streets and also of certain Lots in Chapple Street between White & Walker Streets to fill up the same without delay under the direction of the Street Commissioner

The following Resolution was agreed to

Resolved that Hackney coaches standing at the several places designated as stands by the ordinance of this Board entitled a Law to regulate Hackney Coaches" may hereafter be numbered, by having the number painted on pieces of tin and having the said pieces of tin nailed on the doors of the carriage instead of having the number painted on the Doors themselves as is now required by the said law provided that the said numbers be in figures at least two inches in length and of proportionate breadth And that the said pieces of tin be and remain firmly on the outside of each of the doors of the said carriages in the center of the Panels and in such manner that the numbers may at all times during the day be plainly and distinctly seen

The following was presented by M[r] King and agreed to—Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and is hereby [406] authorized to cause a Bulk head to be sunk across the new Ferry Slip at Brooklyn in such manner as in his opinion will be most beneficial to the said Ferry

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to cause the several Piers erected in the City to be numbered beginning at N° 1 at the Battery

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to sell at public auction Lot N° 5 of the Government House Lots the purchasor of the same not having complied with the conditions of the sale

A Member stating that he had confidential business to communicate the

Doors were Closed

Resolved that for the purpose of paying a part of the Million loan, that the finance Committee be authorized to sell of the U S Stock held by the Corporation a sum not exceeding $200000 and at not less price than 97 p[r] ct

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	6190.80
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Morss & Campbell " 5th	142.25
Emmons & Roome " 8th	110.00
McClure & Colvin " 6	142.50
Titus & Lyon " 7	116.00
Bloodgood & Baker " 4	120.00
A Woodward Asst City Inspr to 1 Oct	62.50
The Courier for Advertizing	15.75
Mercane Advertizer Do subn full	80.00
General Gazett Do	19.50
A Smyth Acct of pavg Anthony St	100.00
T & G Lovett Do Walnut St	600.00
A Stilwell reprs to pumps	45.56
H Brush do	65.00
Jne Combs do	31.00
J Coddington do docks & Slips Vesey St	173.12
T & G Lovett balc due 1s Instmt cathn Slip	998.00
J Halsey Timber reprs to Harlem Mill Pond	192.75
Compr for Board of Health Als McCartee	300.00
	$5853.68

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 1815 TO APRIL 9, 1816

[1] In Common Council October 9th 1815

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Peter Mesier Jonas Mapes Augustin H Lawrence Peter M[c]Cartee Thomas R Smith George Buckmaster William Few Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r] Jacob Lorillard Anthony L Underhill Elisha W King Gideon Tucker William A Hardenbrook	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition was presented from sundry owners of Lots in Maiden Lane praying that the said Street may be widened and that the following be the line for the Easterly side of the Street—viz Beginning on Pearl Street at the distance of twenty three feet four inches [2] from the southerly corner of the House of the late M[r] Clopper and running thence to Gold Street in a straight line parallel to the westerly side of Maiden Lane and from thence to William Street to the Northerly corner of the House of Philip Brashier

Ordered that the same be refered to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Madam Poitou Herret late of St Domingo praying aid to enable her to go to Martinique was read and refered to the Committee of Charity, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition of John Ferguson to be appointed Wood Inspector—A Petition of William Lawson to be appointed a Weigher and a Petition of James Hardie to be appointed to take the Census of the City were read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of W[m] Peters. Abner Curtis and W[m] Brown for appointment to Captain of City Watch was read and refered to the Watch Committee

[3] A Petition of Townsend Weeks for Stall N° 55 Fly Market—and from Stephen Hilliker Jun[r] for a Stall in Catharine Market, were read & refered to the Market Committee

A Petition from Lamberson (a Minor) for License as a Porter in Catharine Market N Eisenhart & John Bremner offering themselves as his Sureties, was read & refered to the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants stating that the main sewer leading into Jame's Slip was stopped and praying that the same may be cleansed, was read, Whereupon an Ordinance was passed directing the same to be done—in which Thoˢ C. Taylor Aquilla Giles & Chas Stewart were appointed Assessors

A Petition of George Ward praying the appointment of Coal Measurer was read & granted

A Petition of the Purchasors of the Government House Lots in Bridge Street stating that the side Walk opposite their dwelling [4] houses is not of sufficient width to allow of Front Stoops and praying permission to take in at their own expense an additional two feet of the side walk, and engaging that whenever Dwelling Houses are erected on the opposite side of said Bridge Street between White Hall and State Street (and the Corporation shall require it to be done) they will again reduce said side walk to the present width at their own expense, was read, and granted, under direction of Street Commissioner

A Petition of Gilliam Barthalf stating that by an accidental fall he had lost his leg—that an offer had been made to him of a small tract of land in the State of Ohio—& praying pecuniary aid to enable him to go there was read and refered to the Committee of Charity to report thereon

A Petition of Ralph Duncan lately appointed a Weighmaster praying permission to resign that office and to resume that of Guager which he had resigned was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

[5] A Petition of Hannah Gozard stating that she lost all her property at the late fire in Mott Street & praying relief was read and refered to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of Benjamin Hicks to be appointed an assistant to the City Inspector, was read and granted

A Petition of John Brown was read stating that at the late fire in Mott Street his house was partially pulled down by order of the Magistrates for the purpose of arresting the progress of the flames, and praying some indemnity—Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller issue a Warrant for one hundred Dollars in full compensation for the same

A Petition for a Well & Pump corner of Broome & Sullivan Street, was read and refered to the Alderⁿ & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner, to report an ordinance therefor

A Petition for paving Greenwich Street from South Side of Spring St to Fenton's pavement [6] was read and refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of H Roff in behalf of Samuel Thompson for repayment of $39.38 paid for the previledge to sink a Vault, which on account of the Narrowness of the Street was never done was read & ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for repayment of the same

A Communaication of Chauncey Hall of Meriden State of Connecticutt, on the subject of constructing defences for the Harbour of New York, was refered to the Committee of Defence

A Communication of the Sealers of weights and measures proposing and amendment to the law respecting the same, was read & refered to the Committee on laws

A Petition of the Corporation of Trinity Church praying to be permitted to make use of the surplus earth in Hudson Street for the purpose of filling in their own ground, was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

[7] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Compy No 1

John Heath, Carpenter,
41 Beaver St, 1st Wd, vice James Vanderpool resd

F E Compy No 4

Levi Foshay, Grocer, 161 William 2 Wd " Michl Schoomaker "
James Green Suspenr Makr,
177 Do Do " H W Buckley "

No 5

Daniel Burger, Carpenter,
110 Read St 5 " " James Jarvis "

No 12

Thomas Hendlen, Bookbinder,
60 Essex 10th " " Silas Carle "

No 22

Isaac Bonnet, Taylor, 175 Cherry 7 " " Harmon Tremper "

No 30

James Luther, Rope Maker,
Orchard St 10 " " John Brewer "
John Brewer, Butcher, Elizabeth 8th " " John Buryman decsd
Peter C Chapple, Do Mott 8th " " Peter Westerfield resgd

N° 36

John R Post, Mason,
Greenwich St 8th Wd, vice Moses Egbert resgd
John Copeman, Dock builder,
Hudson 8 " " Abm Ackerman "

N° 39

Richard P Dunn, Acct
55 Wall St 1 " " Wm J Hoyt "

N° 41

William H Wand, Painter,
Duane St 6th " " Jas F Palmer "
John J Stewart, Mercht,
Rivington 10 " " Cornls A Sharp "

A Letter from Egbert Benson Esqr was read [8] stating that he understood a demand had been made by the Comptroller of the State for certain Quit rents said to be due on ancient grants within the limits of the City, offering his services to proceed to Albany and make arrangements for the settlement of the same. The Comptroller to whom the subject of that demand of quit rent from the state had been refered presented the following report

The Comptroller, to whom was refered the memorial of sundry Freeholders of the City of New York relative to the property within the City, advertized by the Comptroller of the State to be sold for the payment of old quit rents said to be due to the State respectfully reports That he addressed the following Letter to the Comptroller of the State

Sir

Sundry Freeholders of this City, whose estates are supposed to be embraced within the bounds of certain property advertized by you for sale in November next, for the payment of certain old Quit rents have applied to the Corporation of this City to adopt some measures in relation thereto; they State—that it is impossible (in [9] consequence of the vague and indefinite descriptions of the Patents generally) to locate the same and assess the respective amounts due on each and by each proprietor previous to the day of sale, and express their doubts whether in some cases it can be done at any future period

Permit me to enquire whether you have authority to postpone the sale, until the meeting of the Legislature, in that case I would propose to the Common Council to pay the amount said to be due in this City

& solicit the Legislature to pass an act authorizing the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of this City to appoint Commissioners to assess the amount so paid together with the expenses which might accrue in the execution of their trust, on the property which should be found chargeable with the quit rents aforesaid

It is highly important to extinguish these claims altogether—can they be commuted and on what terms—The Common Council will meet on Monday the 9th your answer previous to that time will enable me to bring the subject before the Board

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein

To A McIntyre Esqr

The following answer has been received

[10] I cannot with propriety postpone the sale of any of the lands now advertized for sale for quit rents—I am very sensible how extreemly vague and indefinite the description of some of the Patents in New York are; but as the amount on such as cannot be conveniently located is but small, I hope the Common Council of your City will pay the whole. The quit rents may be commuted and indeed the Legislature at the last Session in order to induce the payment of Commutation & the total discharge of the quit rents, authorized the payment (where commutation as well as arrears should be paid) to be received in U S three per cent Stock at par. A total discharge may therefore under this act be obtained at a far less expense to the proprietors, on any patent except such as may have arrears lately paid upon them than paying the arrears only; If it is determined to discharge the quit rents, you will please to let me know, and I will state the whole amount to be paid, in order that you may know precisely what amount of stock to purchase

(Sigd) Archibld McIntyre

[11] The above letters shew the course which the undersigned would have recommended provided the sale had been postponed, until the Legislature were in Session—he still deems it advisable for the Common Council to assume the payment of the whole, as no doubt can exist but that an application to the Legislature will result in the passage of an act granting the requisite power to reimburse the same together with the contingent expenses thereon. From all the information which the Comptroller has been enabled to acquire he is induced to believe, that nearly all the patents can be designated, and that the advantage which will result to the Common Council by paying the whole in 3 per cent Stock, at par will amply indemnify them for the loss, on those patents less distinctly marked. He therefore respectfully recommends

that a Committee or an Officer of the Board be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the total discharge of the arrears and the entire extinguishment of the quits—and that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare a memorial and an act to be laid before the Legislature at their [12] next session, to grant to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of this City authority to assess and collect the same with all incidental expenses, from the persons now possessed of the property, on which these quits are due

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein Comp^{r}

Whereupon Resolved, that his report be and the same is hereby approved, and that he be directed to take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect and that for that purpose he be authorized to appoint such agents as he shall deem necessary

The City Inspector presented the following

Among the ordinances which the City Inspector has the honor to present to day are a number for filling the Lots & cellars in the vicinity of Chapple Street, on being called upon to examine the situation of these cellars he found them generally filled with water and in a situation dangerous to the Inhabitants—This great overflow of water into those cellars has arisen from the late regulation of Chapple Street which will of course require those lots to be filled up in conformity with the regulation of that Street

[13] The City Inspector has confined the ordinances respecting cellars to those which have for some time past been filled with water in the hope that the filling in of the Lots will remedy the evil as to those cellars which have been affected by the said regulation, and save expense to the Proprietors

As those ordinances affect a regulation of some importance the City Inspector has thought proper to communicate it specially

(Sig^{d}) J Morton

He also presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Eloy Berger	ow^{r}	56 Warren St	
E Billington	D^{o}	6 Chapple St	
J Miller & Jas Skaats	Occpts		
J R Livingston	owr	70. 72 D^{o}	to be fil^{d} in
Walter Bowne	D^{o}	74 D^{o}	D^{o}
D^{o} D^{o}	D^{o}	4 Lots adj^{s} above	
John B V^{a} Horne	D^{o}	76 Chapple St	D^{o}
Henry Tiebout	D^{o}	C^{r} Chapple & Thomas, cellar	D^{o}

Stephen Ogden	owr	80	Chapple			Lot to be fil[d] in	
J R Livingston	D°	C[r]	Chapple & Anthoy	D°	&	D°	D°
Tho[s] Brown	D°	D°	D°			D°	D°
John C Teal	D°	2 Houses in Chapple St					
Martin Leonard	Occpt				Lot & Cellar to be fil[d] in		
[14] Christian Garrican	ow[r]	94			Lot & cellar fil[d] in		
Stephen Baxter	D°	96. 98. 100. 102	Chapple			D°	D°
Quinten Miller	D°	C[r]	Chapple & Leonard			D°	D°
W[m] H D[e] Neuville	owr	100	Chapple			D°	D°
Robert Dicky	D°	C[r]	Provost & Chapple			D°	D°
		Chapple St				D°	D°
Rob[t] M Livingston	owr	128	Chapple			D°	D°
Nicholas Miller	D°	140	D°			D°	D°
John Place	D°	C[r]	North Moore & Chapple				
		Lot & nuis					D°
Edmund Burke	D°	C[r]	Walker &	D°	Celler & nuis		
Daniel Carr	D°	C[r]	White	D°	D°	D°	
George Miller	D°	123	Chapple			D°	
Dan[l] Mercereau & John Stevens	D°	115	d°	Lot & Cellar			D°
Lewis Dupuoy	occpt						
The like owners		113	D°	D°	D°		D°
Michael Norris	owr	111	D°	D°	D°		D°
Abraham Day	D°	109	D°	D°	D°		D°
Gilbert Heard	D°						
Thomas Mingus	occpt		D°	D°	D°		& nuis
Charles Debevoise		91	D°	D°	D°		D°
Thomas Harris	ow[r]	C[r]	D° & Anthony				
						Lot & Cellar & nuis	
John Johnson	owr	93	Chapple			Cellar to be fil[d] in	
Henry Van Emberck	owr						
John Van Horn	agent	89	D°		D°		& nuis
William Perkins	owr	85	D°		D°		D°
Mary Brownhill	D°	87	D°		D°		D°
Willam Perkins	D°	81	D°		D°		D°
[15] Frederick Wortendyck	owr						
Jn° Smith	occpt	C[r]	Chapple & Sugarloaf St				nuis[e]
M[rs] Pool	owr						
Edward Haines	occpt	82		D°			D°
George Deffendorf	D°	83		D°			D°

William & James Berrian	owrs	cr Thomas & Chapple			
Thomas Munro	occpt			Lot & Cellar	nuisc
Peter Bogert	owr	46	Do	Do	
J R Livingston	owr	39 & 41	Do	Do	Do
Isaac Halsey	Do	37	Do	Do	Do
Mary Riker	Do	30 & 32	Do	Do	nuisc
Wm L Simers	Do	177	Duane	Lot to be	filld
Richd Kerby	Do	175	Do	Do & Celler	Do
Erasmus Lewis	Do	173	Do	Do &	nuisc
Michael Price	Do	189	Do	Do	
Abrm Coddington	Do	191	Do	Do	
Heirs of Andy Hopper Decsd	Do	46	Leonard	Do &	nuisc
The like owners	Do	44	Do	Do	Do
Abraham Herring	Do	30	Do	Cellar	filld
John Odle	Do	28	Do	Lot	Do
Leonard Martin	Do	26	Do	Do	Do
Mary Blauvelt	Do	24	Do	Do &	nuisc
John R Murray	Do	22	Do	Lot to be	filld
David Demarest	Do	20	Do	Do &	nuisc
J R Livingston	Do	18	Do	Do	
Peter Demarest	Do	15	Do	Do	
Elias Dixon	Do	25&27	Do	Do	Do
[16] Daniel Huestis	owr	29	Leonard	Lot to be	filld
Robt Dickey	Do	Cr	Varrick & Provost & Nos 2. 5. 7. Lots & Cellars to be		filld
Phillis Ludlow	owr	169	Duane	nuisc	
Jane Nickens	Do	193	Do	Do	
Geo W Chapman	Do	42	Thomas	Do	
Silas Cook	occpt				
Jos. Demarary & John Vorden		38	Do	Do	
Executors of David Demarary					
George Robertson	Owr	304	Water	Do	
Hugh Reynolds	occpt				
Jacob Lattings. Soap Factry		Vandam St		Do	
John J Astor		4 Lots on Charlton St to be filled			
Joseph Allen	owr	14	Anthony	Lot &	nuisc
Cornelia Mathews	occpt				
Grove Wright	owr	10	Do	Lot to be	filled
Samuel Winans	occpt				
Thomas H. Moore		17	Do	Nuisc	

John R Livingston Mary Ann Franklin	owr occpt	19	Anthony			
John R Livingston	owr	24				
D° D°	D°	26	D°	Lots & cellars		
D° D°	D°	28				to be fill[d]
Walter Bowne William Weyman	D° occpt	18	D°	D°	D°	
Cornelius Vredenburgh	owr	20	D°	D°	D°	
D° D°	D°	22	D°	D°	D°	
[17] Michael V[n] Beuren	owr	36	Anthony S nuis[c]			
Jacob Rich	D°	41	D° Lot &	D°		
Joseph Strong Joseph Webb	D° occpt	39	D° D°	D°		
Washington Insurance Co Phoebe Brooks	ow[rs] occpt	17	D° D°	D° Celler		
Jacob Mott	owr	31	James D°		D°	nuis[c]
Archibald Thomson Anthony Woodward	D° occpt	7	White		Celler to be fill[d]	

Which were passed. And it was ordered that those ordinances directing the filing in of Cellars, be carried into effect under the direction of the Alderman & assistant of the 5th Ward and City Inspector

The Committee of charity on the report of the Com[e] on Streets on the Petition of N Dobbs reported, That they have duly considered the subject committed to them & are satisfied that the Petitioner is a man in indigent circumstances, & on that account only your Committee recommend that the Common Council bestow on him the sum of one hundred and twenty five Dollars

(Sig[d]) J Mapes
Gideon Tucker
Peter Mesier

[18] Which was approved, and a Warrant for $125 directed to issue

The City Inspector & Street Commission on the Petition of Samuel Bradhurst Reported

That upon examining the premises, they are of opinion that sufficient quantity of earth has been carted upon the Lot to remedy the nuisance complained of and therefore recommend that the penalty be remitted on payment of costs

(Sig[d]) J Morton City Insp[r]
Jn° M[c]Comb St Com[sr]

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of Proprietors of Lots in State Street—Reported That from a view of the Northerly end of State Street they are satisfied that the inconveniences stated by the Petitioners arising from the narrowness of the Street in that quarter, do really exist, That the whole width including the side walks, is only about forty four feet, and they think the heavy expenditure in erecting such elegant buildings on the Lots recently purchased from the Corporation entitles them to the accommodation solicited

[19] Your Committee therefore are of opinion that it is expedient to widen this part of State Street and recommend that the present Fence of the Battery, which here projects several feet beyond the Westerly line of Broad way, and by its awkward appearance destroys the regularity and beauty of the view, be removed and re-set in such manner as that the corner of the Battery may in future be in a line with the corner of the House of M^{r} Prime on the Westerly side of Broad way; that from this point the Fence should run parallel with the Easterly side of State Street till opposite Bridge Street; and that then it should approximate in a gradual curve towards the present Fence till it meets the same, some where about Pearl Street; and as the benefit of this arrangement will be experienced principally by the Inhabitants on the side of the Street opposite to the proposed regulation, your Committee think, the expense of removing and resetting the Fence, and also of regulating & repairing again the Street & side walks should be defrayed by them

(Sig^{d}) Peter Mesier
S Jones Jun^{r}
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb St Coms^{r}

[20] Which was approved

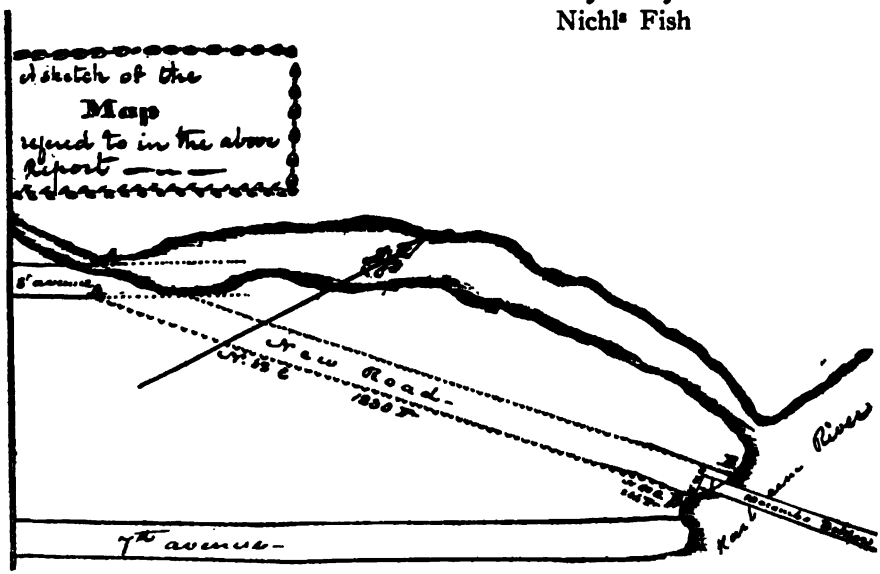
The Survey Committee on the Petition of Rob^{t} MaComb Reported That from representations, and a view of the Map hereunto annexed your committee are of opinion a direct and good communication may be formed with the County of West chester by a route across the Stone Bridge lately built by the Petitioner over Harlaem River. That to effect so beneficial an object for the City it will in the first place be necessary to open that part of the Northern extremity of the Eighth Avenue which lies beween the intersection of the Kingsbridge Road and the Bank or Edge of Harlaem River, and belongs to Aaron Bussing, and also to provide a way from said Avenue across the land of Aaron Bussing to said Bridge

Your Committee therefore recommend that so much of the Eigth Avenue, the aforesaid Aaron Bussing consenting thereto, be forthwith

opened, as lies between where it intersects the Kings Bridge Road and the Points marked AA on the annexed Map, and that the expense thereof be defered and settled together with the [21] expense of opening the whole Avenue

It having been represented that the said Aaron Bussing, was willing to convey to the Corporation in fee to be held and used by them as a public high way, until the permanent Plan of the City or other cause shall prevent the same or render such use thereof improper or useless, that certain piece of land lying between the said Bridge and avenue and contained within the two lines marked AB on the annexed map being 100 feet wide, on condition that they will fence the same or pay him an equivalent; and your Committee conceiving this proposition both advantageous and generous do further recommend that the Corporation accept a grant of said piece of land on the condition and for the uses above mentioned

(Sig[d]) Peter Mesier
S Jones Jun[r]
Nichl[s] Fish



[22] Which report was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect—The Counsel was also directed to draw the necessary conveyances between M[r] Bussing and the Corporation

The Committee on Surveys & St Commissioner on the Petition of Proprietors in vicinity of Abingdon Road—Reported that they have

carefully examined the subject. and are unanimously of opinion that 17th Street ought to be immediately opened from the Bloomingdale Road to the North River—which will open a Communication with the River that will be very useful to the Neighbourhood, and enable them to carry off the water through that Street, which now stagnates, to the great injury of those in the vicinity

They therefore recommend that the Counsel to the corporation be instructed to take proper measures to have the same carried into effect

(Sigd) Peter Mesier
Nichl[s] Fish
S Jones Jun[r]
W[m] A Hardenbrook
Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Coms[r]

[23] Which was approved and the Counsel directed to take the necessary legal measures for carrying the same into effect

The Street Commissioner [presented] the Returns of Delinquents on the following assessments viz

For repaving Barclay Street
" repaving Leonard "
" paving Walnut "
" regulating Gouverneur "
" D[o] & paving Chapple St from Thomas St to 100 feet North of Leonard St & for opening the Second Avenue—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments which were confirmed viz. For repaving Liberty St from Broad way to Greenwich St—For a Well & Pump in Anthony Street between Church & Chapple St—For a Well & pump in Duane St between Broad way & Elm St—For a Well & Pump in White St between Broad way & Elm St

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for sinking a Block & making a Street [24] on the West side of Market Slip—Which was passed

The Street Commissioner presented a communication respecting the expenses of the Bulk head at the Albany Basin and proposing to dispose of Ground between Greenwich Street & Washington Street in front of the Basin, for reimbursing the said expenses—was read and laid for further consideration

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of the managers, of

the House of Industry made on the 17th July and laid for consideration was called up and agreed to—the report was as folws

The Committee to whom was refered the application of Susan Ogden. Joanna Bethune & Eliza Sadler in behalf of the house of Industry for the employment & support of indigent & distressed females. Report that among the various charitable institutions of this City none appears to be better calculated to relieve the distresses of the honest and industrious poor or to guard them against those temptations to vice, which are too frequently generated by idleness and want of employment. that since [25] the establishment of this institution (little more than one year) it appears that five hundred poor women have been employed, many of whom have thereby been enabled to support large families of children, & consequently to relieve the pressure upon the public charity, as well as in many instances the resort to the Alms House—that the extensive usefulness of this society, which had been anticipated from the very respectable & exemplary characters of those to whom the management of its concerns was committed has been abundantly realized, and the Committee do not hesitate to say, that under the same able & faithful administration it well merits the patronage of the Common Council.

The Committee therefore recommend that the sum of $1000 be appropriated by this Board to the society for promoting industry among the poor to be applied by them in providing suitable appartments for conducting the business of that Institution, and that the same be paid on the first day of November next

(Sigd) Nichs Fish
Peter Mesier
Reuben Munson

[26] The Comptroller Reported

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W M Summers Inspr Bread to 10th Inst		100.00

S McCormick Park keeper to 1 Sepr	46.50
C E Duncan St Inspr to 1 Octr	52.00
H W Peckwell Do Do	52.00
Wm McIntosh Do Do	52.00
M Ackerman Keepr Potters field Do	45.00
Manhatn Co. Water for pubc buildgs 1 year	100.00
J Hardman work on pubc Roads to 1 Octr	200.87
O Waldron Do Do Do	221.61
M Reid Well & Pump Bd Way	93.68
Do Do Anthony St	63.88
J Richardson reprs to Wells	35.43
P Schermerhorn 1 Yrs rent Eng Ho No 8	75.00
J Leonard reprs to Floating Engine	585.96
St Comssr expenses openg 3d avenue	717.13
[27] A Smyth on acct paving Washington St	800.00
Thos Scott Do Do Broadway	400.00
R Hamilton Do Do Third St	300.00
C Mooney Do Do Leonard St	200.00
W Harrison reprs to Broadway	157.16
R Moran on acct paving Barclay St	265.25
Geo Bowman on acct Intersecn Streets	192.82
J Spragg on acct regulatg Georck St	500.00
J Meghan Do paving Nassau St	350.00
T & G Lovett balc due Bulk head Albany Basn	1306.59
J Halsey Acct Bulk head West St	1600.00
Wm Bryden princil & Intg Inclenburgh Bond due 25 Sepr	70.76
P Hattrick Do Do	695.00
G Sinclair Do Do	99.75
A Coe Do Do	190.05
J Slidell Do Do	213.14
J Taylor Do Do	443.17
S Van Antwerp Do Do	392.26
J McLeod Do Do	684.34
J Masterton Do Do	664.64
J Hyslop Do Do	664.64
M Wymes Do Do	482.00
J Turk Do Do	110.00
A Griffith Do Do	110.15
L Bleecker Do Do	574.13
J Wallace Superintendant of repairs	500.00
[28] R Furman Supdt Alms House &c	10000.00
G Sneethen Supdt Lamps to 11 Octr	489.50
B. Skaats for purchase of Wood &c	200.00
	$27936.83
Balance	$.3523.48

A Member stating that he had confidential business to communicate the

Doors were closed

Resolved that the sum which at the last Meeting of the Board the Finance Committee were authorized to sell of the U S Stock held by the Corporation be extended to $300000 and that they be authorized to sell the same at not less than 95 per Cent.

[29] In Common Council October 23d 1815

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Augusn H Lawrence		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter McCartee		Anthony L Underhill	
Thomas R Smith		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		Gideon Tucker	
William Few		Daniel E Tylee	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		Arthur Burtis	
		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition that the Park in Chatham St may be removed, and a Remonstrance against that Measure were presented and laid for consideration

A further Petition praying that 70th Street may be opened, was read & refered to the Committee on Streets & Street Commissioner

[30] A Petition of Elbert Anderson for permission to construct a vault in Reed St—of John Johnson to construct one opposite No 93 Nassau St—and of Robert Henderson to construct two vaults in Fair Street, were read and granted under the usual conditions

A Petition of Moses Jaques Junr and David R Jaques for permission to place Cisterns in the Street, was read & refered to the St Comssr—It was also refered to the St Comssr to consider & report the expediency of permitting cisterns to be constructed in the Streets unless for public purposes

A Memorial from the association for the relief of respectable aged indigent Females was presented stating, that their labors had been attended with eminent advantages in the cause of Humanity and requesting the Board to aid them with pecuniary assistance which was directed to be refered to the following Committee viz Alder Few Mr King Mr Lorillard

[31] A Memorial from Walter Bowne & others stating that there

was a projection of a few houses in Bancker Street, and praying that the same may be removed, and the Street made straight from Oliver to Catharine Street, was read & refered to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

A Petition from Thomas Graham praying remission of penalty incurred by selling bread of less weight than that fixed by the assize —was read & ordered Petitione[r] have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition stating that the Drain in Frankfort Street was wholly out of repair & praying that the same may be rebuilt of brick— was read & refered to the St Comss[r] to carry the same into effect, the expense to be borne by the parties interested

A Representation of Ebenezer Clark stating that the person employed in paving Leonard Street had performed the same in an improper manner was read & refered to Alder[n] Lawrence M[r] Tucker & the St Commissioner

[32] A Petition of James M[c]Keag for remission of penalty for not complying with an ordinance respecting a nuisance, and a Petition of Mary M[c]Gee for remission of penalty incured under Sunday Law was refered to the Attorney with authority to remit

A Memorial of sundry Owners of ground held under the Corporation subject to a quit rent and proposing to commute for the same— was read & refered to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Ebenezer S Homan praying the appointment of a measurer of grain was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition that Desbrosses Street may be regulated from Varrick to Sullivan St was read & refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petition

A Petition for a Well, west side of Suffolk Street corner of Rivington Street was refered to the Alder[n] & assistant of the Ward and [33] Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

A Petition of John F Randolph as agent of M[r] Shoemaker of Philadelphia, stating that some alterations which he had caused to be made in a house of his principal, was supposed to be an infringement of the fire law, and requesting the interference of the Board, was read & resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of sundry owners of lots in Orange St stating that there were several old houses standing in the Street, and praying that the said incumbrances may be removed, was read & refered to the St Comss[r]

A Petition from James King & Archibald M[c]Kellan, was received,

stating, that they were lessees of Lots in Cliff St the leases of which expire intwo years—that they have been assessed for improvement of Fair Street that they have offered to relinquish their leases to their Landlords, who have refused to accept the same, & praying the aid of the Common Council—Whereupon Resolved that the same be refered to the Committee of Charity

[34] A Remonstrance from Sundry Owners of Lots in Maiden Lane, against widening the same, was read & refered to the Committee to whom the Petition on that subject was refered viz St Comᵉᵉ & St Comssʳ

A Petition of Patrick Swift & Neal Doyle praying remission of fine incured by selling liquor without license—was read & resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

A Communication was received stating the facts, of a child of a Mʳ Benjⁿ Farioli having been kidnapped by some black women evidently with the intention of robbing the parents of their child and recommending that the Corporation offer a reward for the discovery of the Perpetrators of the act—was read & refered to the Commissioners of the Alms House with authority to act in their discretion on the subject

The Ferry Committee & Street Commissioner to whom was refered the subject of building a Bulk head across the New Ferry Slip at [35] Brooklyn Reported. That they would suggest to the Board, that in order to make that slip commodious & safe for the Ferry boat there will be a necessity of extending the Pier on the Easterly side of said slip—they would therefore recommend that a Block & Bridge of thirty feet each be built and that this Corporation and the Proprietor of the adjoining property bear the expense of such Block and Bridge equally, And that the Street Commissioner be instructed to carry the same into effect

(Sigᵈ) E W King
A H Lawrence
Jnº McComb St Comsʳ

Which was approved

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of encroachments in Thompson Street Reported That according to the best information they have been able to obtain the proprietors of the grounds lying westerly of Thompson Street without regard to the Plan of Bayards West Farm, which was laid out & sold by the Commissioners did encroach on said Plan, from Broome to Spring Street about 12 feet and from thence running to a point at Houston Street

[36] That the purchasors of Lots on the westerly side commenced building on the encroached line—and there are now about 10 buildings (some of which are valuable) actually completed thereon and occupied—that on the easterly side of Thompson St there is but one building erected of no considerable value—Your Committee are aware that the said encroachment was made in violation of right—and that the Proprietors could be compelled by law to remove their improvements from off the Street—but as it would be attended with great loss to them all and perhaps ruin to some—Your Committee would recommend that so much be taken from the Lots on the Easterly side of Thompson Street as shall make the Street 50 feet, the original intended width And that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take the usual method for that purpose

(Sig^{d}) E W King
A L Underhill
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb Jun^{r}

Which was approved and the Counsel of the Board was directed to take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect

[37] The Comptroller presented a communication recommending the establishment of Tellegraphs, which was directed to be refered to Alder^{n} Mesier Alder^{n} Smith Alder^{n} Underhill

The Counsel presented a Petition to the Supreme Court, for the appointment of Commissioners to open 17th Street. And a Petition to enlarge and improve Mott St which were directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel presented for execution a Water Lot Grant to Elbert Anderson and David Board for Water Lot on the Hudson River, which was directed to be duly executed

The following persons, were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 9.

James Dunham, Cooper, 68 Front 1 W^{d}
vice Henry Denney J^{r} res^{gd}

Adam Miller Cop^{r} Smith 56 Elizath 8th W^{d}
vice Benj^{n} Stevens D^{o}

Charles Weed Mercht 20 Front 1st W^{d}
vice Henry D Merritt Do

John T Ball Cab^{t} Mak^{r} 62 Pearl 1st W^{d}
vice David Hallock D^{o}

[38] F Eng Comp N° 12

Jonah Filley Grocer 14 Oliver St 4th W^d vice John Wood resg^d

N° 17

Francis Casilear Shipwright 5 Pike S^t 7th W^d
vice Apollos Wetmore D°

N° 32

Abijah Pearsall Cartman 6th St 10th W^d
vice Charles Gillman D°

N° 37

Jesse S Watson Shoemaker C^r Grand & Bay^d 10th W^d
vice Henry Owens D°

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well & Pump in Broome St between Sullivan & Clark St, which was passed, and Tho^s C Taylor. Charles Stewart & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

He also presented the following assessments which were severally confirmed—viz—For regulating & paving Elm St from Pearl to Anthony St—for regulating & paving Leonard St from Broadway to Elm St—for repaving Pearl St from the S E side of Elm St to one hundred feet from Elm St toward Broadway. for the expense of building a Bulk head and filling in Catharine Slip—for paving White St from Broadway towards Church St—For regulating & paving Anthony St from Collect Street to eighty two feet Northerly of Elm Street

[39] A Petition for paving Washington St from Jay to Canal St, was presented and refered to the St Com^s^r, who immediately reported in favor of the same, and presented an ordinance therefor, which was passed & Ezekiel Bishop Thomas C Taylor & Aquilla Giles were appointed assessors

The Report of the Committee on opening Hudson St, presented on 17th July last, and *was* laid for consideration, was called up & being read, was as follows

The Survey Committee to whom was refer'd the Petition of the Inhabitants & Freeholders in Hudson & Chamber St relative to the opening of Hudson St through to Chamber St beg leave to—Report—That they have viewed with attention the quarter of the City which will be affected by the contemplated improvement and are decidedly of opinion that if the plan is ever to be carried into execution no period can be selected more opportune than the present because the buildings

which occupy the ground which will be required, are generally small wooden ones, and e[x]cept two or three are old [40] and of little value

Your Committee are of opinion that the present situation of Hudson Street is not only extremely inconvenient, but also considering its abrupt termination the most awkward arrangement in the City, and as the Corporation have recently extended its northern district till it intersects the Ninth avenue, a removal of the Southern obstruction seems in some measure, requisite to render the improvement complete and useful. The communication when opened to Chamber Street, will accommodate and beautify this part of the Town enlarge the view, and afford the most elegant entrance from the west side of the Island into the heart of the City

Your Committee therefore recommend that Hudson Street be continued, through to Chamber St, and that the easterly line of the continuation commence at the Northeasterly corner of Hudson & Duane St at the letter A as designated in the Map herewith presented, and running to the North easterly corner of Chamber and Chapple Street to B—and that the westerly line of the said continuation commence at about 63 [41] feet westerly of Chapple St on the Northerly side of Chamber Street at the letter C thence running to the South easterly corner of Duane Park to the letter D.

(Sig^{d}) Peter Mesier
Nichl^{s} Fish
Arthur Burtis
S Jones Jun^{r}

Upon the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative—Alder^{n} Douglass alone voting in the negative

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition for widening Cliff St presented the following report—That they have maturely considered the subject and are fully of opinion that it would be a useful improvement of the property in that part of the Street if it was enlarged—and that this is the most suitable time for making the alteration, as a considerable part of the Street will have to be dug out so as to conform to the regulation of Fair Street—They therefore respectfully recommend that Cliff Street from John to Beekman Street be widened to 45 feet

[42] But your Committee would remark that the proposed improvement being solely for the accomodation and advantage of those

in the vicinity—that the Corporaton ought to be exonerated from any expense attending it, and they recommend it on that express condition, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take the requisite measures in conformity thereto

(Sig^{d}) E W King
A L Underhill
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb S^{t} Com^{sr}

which was approved and the Counsel was directed to take the necessary legal measures in conformity thereto

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the property of the persons following

William Badeau		Lot on Broome St	
Herman King		alley 5 Duane	"
Estate Nichl^{s} Gouverneur deceas^{d} Tho^{s} Knox Ex^{r}		6 Lots on Broome	"
Charles Ferris	Owr	Nuis^{e} 37 Essex	
W^{m} Cromwell & Jos: Cromwell	Occpt		
George Ironside	occpt	" Milligan St	
William Wilson	Ow^{r} or D^{o}	" D^{o}	"
[43] Jacob Halsey	Ow^{r}	" 470 Greenwich	
John Lasher	Lessee	" 93 Elm	
Matthews	Occpt	" 22 Bancker S^{t}	

Which were passed

The following Resolution was presented & passed

Resolved that the upper part of the Washington Market with such other parts thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby appropriated for a Watch House for the first District Watch and that it be refered to the watch Committee to make such alterations or accommodations in the said market as they may deem necessary for the purpose aforesaid and that the Watch be removed accordingly as soon as the said Committee shall direct—Resolved also that the Watch Committee be and they are hereby authorized to make such alterations of the limits of the first & Third Districts of the City Watch as they may deem necessary for carrying into effect the foregoing Resolution

Upon motion of M^{r} Lawrence the injunction of secrecy as to the proceedings of the Common Council at their meetings on the 25 September [44] last and the 9th October Inst was taken off and the same permitted to be entered on the Minutes

Alder^{n} Lawrence rose in his place and Stated, that he felt it his duty to call the attention of the Common Council to a breach of con-

fidence which had been committed in disclosing the proceedings of the Common Council at the meetings held with closed doors on the 25 Sep^{r} last and on the 9th October Inst—He alluded to a publication which had appeared in the national Advocate of the Inst stating that the Corporation had directed a sale of one hundred thousand Dollars of the public stock held by them—So gross a breach of confidence *of confidence* if committed by a member or an officer of the Board would in his opinion deserve severe reprehension, and he thought an opportunity should be afforded to them who were innocent, to exculpate themselves from the imputation—He trusted therefore some measure would be taken on the subject by the Board

M^{r} King then rose and after some observations presented the following Resolution

[45] Whereas the Common Council on the 9th day of Oct^{r} Inst & 25th Sep^{r} last did pass certain Resolutions in Secret Session relative to the disposition of *of* certain stock, and whereas the said Resolutions have been promulgated by some person or persons unknown, which has had a tendency to retard the sale and diminish the value thereof to the injury and dishonor of this Board. And whereas it is important that the person or persons guilty of such dishonorable conduct should be known in order to guard against similar acts in future—therefore Resolved—that each member of this Board, and each officer thereof (who was present at the time of passing the aforesaid Resolutions) be required by the President to answer distinctly on his honor, in presence of the Board whether or not he did directly or indirectly divulge the said Resolutions or either of them so passed in secret session or the import thereof to any person or persons whomsoever and whether he knows who did, and if so to give information thereof

Alde^{n} Smith moved that the consideration of the same be postponed until the next meting of the Board—The question [46] being taken thereon & a division called it passed in the negative as follows

Negative

Alder^{n} Mesier—Lawrence—M^{c}Cartee—Douglass Fish—Mess^{rs} Jones—Underhill—King—Tylee Brown. 10.

Affirmative

Alder^{n} Smith—Few—Munson Mess^{rs} Lorillard Tucker—Mann—Burtis—7

The question was then taken on M^{r} Kings Resolution—and a division having been called, was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative

Alder[n] Mesier—Lawrence—M[c]Cartee—Douglass Fish—Mess[rs] Jones—Underhill—King—Tylee—9.

Negative

Alder[n] Smith—Few—Munson—Mess[rs] Lorillard, Tucker—Mann —Burtis—Brown. 8

The President then put the following questions to the Members & officers of the Board, who replied as follows

"you are required distinctly upon your honor to answer whether or not you did directly or indirectly divulge the Resolutions relative to the disposition of certain stock, passed by this Board at their secret sessions [47] on the 25[th] day of September last and on the 9[th] day of October Inst or either of them or the import thereof to any person or persons whomosever? and whether you know, who did and if so to give information thereof"?

Alder[n] Mesier answered upon his honor that he had not directly or indirectly communicated to any person whatever either of the Resolutions of the Common Council of the 25[th] September or 9[th] of October directing the sale of a part of the U S stock held by the Corporation or the import of either of them; as to his knowledge of the person by whom the secret was divulged—he announced that he was informed by M[r] Gould Hoyt of this City Merchant—that immediately after the meeting of the Common Council of the 25[th] Sep[r] Alderman Buckmaster informed him that the Common Council, at that meeting directed the sale of $200000 of the U S Stock held by them

Alder[n] Lawrence	M[r] Jones
" M[c]Cartee	" Lorillard
" Douglass	" Tucker
" Few	" Mann
" Fish	" Burtis

M[r] Morton Sect[ry] of the Board
[48] M[r] Mercein Comptroller
M[r] M[c]Comb Street Commissioner
" D S Jones Counsel of the Board
all replied in similar terms with Alder[n] Mesier that they had not either directly or indirectly divulged the proceedings of the secret meetings to any person whatsoever

M[r] King. M[r] Underhill & M[r] Tylee replied as to themselves in similar terms with the foregoing gentlemen—as to their knowledge of the persons by whom it had been divulged, they stated that Alder[n] Buck-

master had mentioned to them that he had inadvertently informed Mr Gould Hoyt immediately after the adjournment of *of* the Common Council on the 25 Septr last that the Common Council had at that meeting ordered the sale of $200000 of the U S Stock owned by them, but that he had immediately enjoined secrecy on Mr Hoyt.

Aldern Smith declined answering the query His Honor the Mayor then stated that it appeared he was not included in the terms of the Resolution, that if he had been he should not have considered himself bound to answer [49] the enquiries directed to be made by it, because he did not think the Common Council had legally a right to interrogate its Members, he had no objection to state—which he did upon his honor, that he had not communicated either of the resolutions to any person whatever

It having appeared that Aldern Smith had declined the question put by the President because he considered the call as meant to be compulsory—it was on motion *on motion* Resolved that such was not the intent or meaning of the Common Council passing said Resolution—but that it was meant as an appeal to the honor of such gentlemen, as should chuse to exculpate themselves from the imputation which arose upon the transaction, and that the President, request Aldern Smith to answer the questions directed by the Resolutions—Upon the said Resolution passing Aldern Smith immediately rose and stated that he had not directly or indirectly divulged the proceedings of the secret Sessions of the 25th September last but that he had after the meeting of the [50] 9th Instant, mentioned to one person under his own roof that the Common Council had ordered a sale of $100000 of the U S. Stock held by them but without mentioning the price at which it had been limited

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$24531.90
Warrants not presented	1338.78
	$23.193.12

WhereuponWarrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & Brown	Do	623.00
Mandeville & Dobbs	Do	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck	Do	339.50
J Bedient Coroner to 1st Oct^{r}		457.99
R Furman Supplies Dart^{r} Pris^{n} pr ord^{r}		248.77
H Roff. ret for Vault	Do	39.38

J Hardcastle in full for printing	32.25
H Tallman assmt 3d Ward	140.00
Brady & Holmes Do 9th Do	196.50
A Waugh & others City & State Tax Books	400.00
J Radcliff 1 Qr Salry as Mayor	1750.00
N Dobbs as pr order Board 9th Inst	125.00
J Brown for House destroyd Mott St pr orr Bd	100.00
[51] J Meghan paving Nassau St	100.00
St Commissioner towards expens 3d avenue	450.00
A Stagg for acct Walnut St	200.00
R Moran Do Rector "	300.00
A Smyth Do Anthony "	500.00
C Mooney Do Chaple "	400.00
Do Do Leonard "	370.00
J Vincent fills vacant Lot ground pr ord	84.80
A B Holmes for acct paving Intersecs Streets	33.91
H Gantro award on acct 3d avenue	60.00
J Fine Do reprs to Pumps	178.63
C Oneil Do Do	65.17
J Ford Int due Canal St Bond	450.63
J Canon prinl & Int Hamln Sqr Bond	762.10
J Smith repairs to Engines	214.38
J P DeWint prinl & Int Inclenth Bond due 25 Sepr	1526.63
J Halsey Acct Bulk head West St	1493.22
T & G Lovett Do Do Catharine Slip	1998.00
Palmer & Hamilton 16 Csks Sperm Oil	3294.25
J Wallace Supdt Reprs for Docks & Slips	500.00
R Furman Supdt Alms House	4000.00
E Jennings on Acct contct 3d avenue pr ordr	1000.00
	$23553.11

[52] In Common Council Novr 6th 1815

Present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Junr
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence	Anthy L Underhill
Peter McCartee	Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith	Daniel E Tylee
Isaac S Douglass	Wm A Hardenbrook
George Buckmaster	
William Few	
Nicholas Fish	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved
Alderm Mapes having been absent from the last Meeting of the

Board rose to answer to the query then proposed, respecting the divulging of the secrets of the Sessions of the 25 Sep^{r} & 9th October, and answered that he [53] had not directly or indirectly communicated those proceedings to any person whatever—as to his knowledge by whom it had been communicated, stated, that Alder^{n} Buckmaster informed him he had communicated the sale of $200 000 to M^{r} G Hoyt under an injunction of secrecy

M^{r} Hardenbrook rose and denied in similar terms having developed the proceedings of those meetings

Alder^{n} Buckmaster stated that he had inadvertently communicated to M^{r} Gould Hoyt of this City, that the Corporation had at their meeting of the 25 Septem^{r} directed the Sale of $200 000 of the U S Stock held by them but immediately recollecting himself observed that he had communicated a Resolution which had been passed with closed doors, and which he perhaps ought not to have done but he did not remember anything respecting the price at which the said stock had been limited As to the proceedings of the 9th Nov^{r} he declared that he had not communicated any part of the same to any person whatever

The Street Commissioner presented the assessment [54] for opening straightening & extending Fair Street together with several remonstrances & memorials on that subject—which were directed to be refered back to the assessors for further consideration to report with all convenient speed. And His Honor the Mayor was requested upon the report coming in to call an extra meeting of the Board to consider of the same

A Petition of Strong Sturges praying further time to sink a Block in front of his lot on Market, late Georges Slip, was read & refered to Alder^{n} M^{c}Cartee Alder^{n} Smith M^{r} Lorillard

A Petition of William Brady requesting the loan of the Augur owned by the Corporation for the purpose of piercing for coal on this Island, was read & granted

A Petition of certain purchasors of Common Lands liable to a quit rent payable therefrom praying to be permitted to commute for the same—was read & refered to the Committee on Finance

[55] A Memorial of William Schultz proposing a Plan for a Telegraph, was read & refered to the Committee on that subject viz Alder^{n} Mesier Alder^{n} Smith M^{r} Underhill

A Petition for a Well in Clark St was read & refered to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefore

A Petition of Richard Seaman for appointment of City Measurer and of Grove Cunningham for appointment of City Guager were read and refered to the Com[e] on applications

A Petition of Thomas H Moore for further time to fill in his lot N[o] 17 Anthony Street was read and time extended until the 1[st] May next

A Petition of the owners of Government House Lots in State Street praying permission to extend their Stoops 7½ feet into the Street was read and refered to the Street Commissioner to report

[56] A Petition of Isaac Adriance & of John Adriance & Mary Sickles—Ex[rs] of John Sickles deceased—stating that by opening the 3[d] Avenue & 125[th] Street their lands have been considerably cut up & injured & praying that parts of the Old Post Road may be conveyed to them on such terms as shall be judged proper—were read and refered to the Committee on Surveys

A Petition of sundry persons praying that awnings erected by individuals in the Streets may be permitted to remain, was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

The Committee on the Petition for paving Greenwich Street from South side of Spring St to Fentons pavement, reported that in their opinion the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted, which was approved—and the Street Commissioner directed to carry the same into effect

The Committee on the Petition of Ebenezer Clark respecting the regulation of Leonard St

Reported that one of your Committee in [57] company with M[r] Graves have examined carefully the situation of the Street—The manner in which the same has been regulated & paved—and are decidedly of the opinion that M[r] Clark has no just cause of complaint and that no partiality or favor has been shown to any individual—But that the whole regulating of the said Leonard Street particularly at the intersection of Elm St was judicious & proper & done as a public convenience, and not to accomodate any particular persons

(Sig[d]) A H Lawrence Chr[n]

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of the Society for the relief of indigent Females Reported

That having considered the object of the Association, which is founded on principles of charity & benevolence, your Committee believe it would be expedient & proper to countenance & promote such humane Institutions That if some pecuniary aid was given to the

association it might diminish the sum that it may be necessary to advance to the Alms House to an equal or greater amount and therefore recommend the sum [58] of Three hundred Dollars to be given to the Managers of said association

(Sig[d]) W Few
E W King

Which was approved & a Warrant ordered to be reported agreably thereto

The Market Committee Reported That they recommend making the following grants viz Stall N° 55 Fly Market now occupied by John Garrison who is willing to give it up to Townsend Weeks

Stall N° 2 Fly market to Henry Steel, if vacant
Stall N° 28 Do D° " Jacob Hyer " D°

(Sig[d]) Peter Mesier
Peter M[c]Cartee
A H Lawrence

Which was agreed to

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully represents to the Board, that in pursuance to their resolution of 9th October, directing him to negociate with the Comptroller of the State for the discharge of all quit rents due the State by individuals within this City & County [59] and for the extinguishment of all future claims of the same nature

He has paid for the said purpose the sum of $1797.20 (the amount required) in 3 per cent Stock which cost at 61¼ per cent.....	$1099.03
Cash for advertizing.....	50.00
D° " Postage.....	3.25
Total.....	$1152.28

For which he requests a Warrant on the City Treasury

(Sig[d]] Tho[s] R Mercein

Which was approved and a Warrant ordered to issue agreably thereto

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Mess[rs] Peters & Roosevelt Ex[rs] of Duryees Estate		N° 22. Bancker St
John M[c]Lean	ow[r]	25 Oliver "
Jordan Seaman	occpt	
Roosevelt	owr	74 James "
James Meyers	occp[t]	

John Delafield	Owr	25	Water
Charles Mather	occpt		
Lemontes Noye	owr	38	Do
Harris L McLaughlin	occpt		
[60] Lemontes Noe	owr	64	Pearl
Mary Rutherford	occpt		
C Van Antwerp	owr & occpt	36	Front
Estate Isaac Clawson	owr	21	South
Boyd & Suydam	occpts		
John Delafield	owr	26	Front
S Houston	occpt		
Andrew Morris	owr	48	Pearl
Mary Hogan	occpt		
John Bedient Agent Estate E Robins		7	Water
James McLean	occpt		
Estate Isaac Clawson		20	South
J & P Phœnix	occpts		
J Bedient Agt Estate E Robins		9	Water
Benjn Diby	occpt		
Jno White	owr & occpt	18	Front
Mr Kane	owr	15	Water
Arthur Peterson	occpt		
Nathl Wells	owr	8	Front
P Van Wyck	occpt		
Dissosways	Lessee	12	Front
Robt P Bell	occpt		
Nl Wells	owr	10	Do
Mr Hasbroock	occpt		
John Hilyer	owr	11	Do
Ms J Colvil	occpt		
[61] J Bedient agt Estate E Robins		9	Front
A Wilson	occpt		
J Bedient as above		8	South
Stewart & Sutton	occpts		
Simon Hilyer	owr	11	Moore
John Hilyer	occpt		
Michael Price	owr	30	Pearl
Thomas Kinch	occpt		
John Clark	owr	10	Do
Mary Watson	occpt		

James Watts	owr	11 State
E Hathaway	occpt	
Michael Price	owr	28 Pearl
Jacob Ludlum	occpt	
Eckerton	owr	9 Sixth St
John Reider	occpt	

Which were passed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 4

Henry W Sheldon, Acct. 183 Front St, 2d Wd, vice John Jaques Decsd

No 31

Beekman J Van Beuren, Carpenr, Church St 5 Wd, vice Edward Wice resgd

The Street Commissioner presented the following

[62] The Street Commissioner respectfully invites the attention of the Common Council to the subject of continuing Hudson Street to Chamber Street

The Report of the Committee which was approved of at the last meeting of the Board, recommended that the line of Hudson Street be continued from the Northeasterly corner of Duane Street to the Northeasterly corner of Chamber Street & Chapple St, and that the Northwesterly line be parallel thereto, so that the Street should be ninety feet wide, which perhaps would be the best direction was the ground vacant But as the principal object may be obtained at a much less expense it appears advisable to the undersigned to alter the westerly line of the contemplated Street, & that it commence at the corner of Mr Livingstons House, which will not only save the expense of cutting into that valuable building, but take 1/9th less property on the whole line, a saving well worth attending to, especially as the line laid in the manner now proposed will leave the Street 80 feet wide, and not in the least injure its [63] appearance, as may be seen by the Plan thereof herewith presented.

The undersigned begs leave further to suggest that tho' the opening of free & direct communications in every part of this City are in some degree public improvements, still in the opening of this Street, the public are not so materially interested as that they should bear any great share of the expense, it being an improvement which will (not

only accommodate the public) but also tend very much to enhance the value of the property in the vicinity

From the number of similar improvements that are contemplated, & several of which will no doubt be carried into operation—should the Corporation be assessed as they have hitherto been for a full third of the amount for the buildings it may prove very burthensome on the public Treasury

(Sig[d]) Jn° M[c]Comb St Coms[r]

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of delinquents on the Commissioners assessment for benefits in opening Fair Street and on [64] assessments for paving 3[d] Street from Delancy St to Rivington St whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the collectors for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner presented a list of Delinquents on sundry Assessments (part thereof being on vacant Lots the owners whereof cannot be found—and where the supposed owners of some of the property assessed have been found have refused to pay whereby considerable sums have been advanced by the Corporation, and for which there appears to be no probability of being refunded but by sale of the property so assessed

(Sig[d]) Jn° M[c]Comb St Coms[r]

Lot N° 1236 Bayards E Farm	J Scheiffelin	$25.04
" " 965 Do Do	unknown	1.06
" " 1242 & 3 Do Do	Do	1.06
" " 1244 Do Do	Jn° M[c]Kenna	1.06
" " 63. 64. 65. 68 Livingstons Map fronting on Elizabeth St	unknown. each.....	.85
" " 93. 94. 106. 112. 113 Livingstons Map fronting on Mott St	Do "	.85
" 122 Livingstons Map front[g] Mulberry S[t]	Do "	.85
A Piece vacant ground front[g] W Side Sullivan S[t] 132 ft commencing 25.6 N of Broome St	A L Stewart or Any Bowrosen...	151.
[65] Lot N° 27 assessors Map fronting on E side of Sullivan St 150 Feet N Stanton St for Well & Pump in Ridge St	ow[r] unknown.....	4.50
Lot on corner Delancy St & Cannon St	Roger Gill	116.25
Do Do Do Do	W[m] Edgar	81.75
Do between Stanton & North St	Ab[m] Boyce	26.85
Lot between Do Do	Frede[c] Besher	26.11
Lots 1015 & 1020 Delancy's Farm	W[m] Cutting	99.34
Lot front[g] on Bowery	Arch[d] Whaites	19.00

Lots N° 381. 382 Delancys Farm	Jas Roosevelt	$4.75
" 387. 388 D° D°	D°	4.75
" 589. 590 D° D°	Hatch & Nath[l] Nott	4.75
" 615. 616. 617 D° D°	J B Church.....	7.12
" 1029. 30. 31. 32 D° D°	W[m] Cutting	9.50
3 Lots on Collect Ground partly on L Water St	Jos D Fay.....	217.92
Lots " D° D°	J R Livingston....	34.80
Lot N° 97 cross between Mulberry & orange	Geo M[c]Kay	8.10
Vacant Lots W Side Walnut St between Water st & the Bulkhead	Dom[c] Lynch	218.14

Whereupon Resolved that the Street Commissioner proceed to dispose of the Lots upon which the same is due at auction for a term of years in pursuance to law

The Street Commissioner to whom the subject of Cisterns was Refered

Reported [66] That it is his opinion that Cisterns ought not to be constructed in the Streets, as they are very seldom properly secured, and may become dangerous, besides, being constructed of wood they need frequent repairs which occasions interuption to passengers

There are but few situations where Cisterns could not be built either under the cellar floor or in a vault under the Street, without any great additional expense to the Proprietors

As the average time that wooden Cisterns will last does not exceed eight years, the difference of expence betwen wood or Brick cannot be great and as they are generally required in situations where the property will bear the additional charge, the undersigned would respectfully suggest the propriety of having them made of Brick or stone whenever they were allowed to be constructed in the Street

(Sig[d]) Jn° M[c]Comb St Coms[r]

Which was approved.

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments which were confirmed viz. For repaving Pearl St at Hanover Square & part of Old Slip—for paving White St from Broadway to- [67] wards Church St—for Well & Pump in arundle St—for Well & Pump in Pearl St. West of Chatham St

The Committee on Surveys on the Petition for opening 70[th] Street Reported

That there is no public Road or communication to the North River for the space of near four miles, the want of which subjects the Inhabitants of that vicinity particularly those whose Farms do not extend to the River, to serious inconvenience and expense, that in the opinion of the Committee the opening of 70[th] Street from the 10[th] ave-

nue to the River would greatly accommodate that neighbourhood and would also be a public convenience—That the proprietors have offered to cede the ground free of all expense, to the Corporation, and the Petitioners generally are willing to contribute to the expense of working the Road so as to render it a good and convenient communication to the River—The Committee therefore recommend that the cession be accepted, that the Street be opened & regulated from the 10th avenue to the North River, that the sum for completing the same be raised by an assessment on those who may be deemed to be benefitted [68] thereby, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an ordinance accordingly—But on condition, that the same when so opened & regulated be considered & treated as a common Highway to be worked & kept in repair as such by the Inhabitants and not by the Common Council or at the public charge

(Sigd) Peter Mesier
Nichls Fish
S Jones Junr

Which was approved & the St Commissioner directed to take measures accordingly

The Committee to whom was refered the communication of the Comptroller on the improvement of the property on the East side of Beekman Slip between Front St and East River, presented a Report which being read was laid on the table for further consideration, and it was refered to the Finance committee & Comptroller to take into consideration & report a plan of ways & means for carrying the improvement therein mentioned into effect

The Committee of Defence Reported

[69] That having completed the duties assigned them by the Common Council in the Summer of the last year, in relation to the defence of this City; beg leave now to lay before them a brief report of their proceedings

On being furnished by Brigr Genl Swift of the Corps of Engineers with a plan for the defence of the City against the then expected attack, the Committee immediately took the necessary steps to have it executed and completed; the Plan embraced, first a line of defence on Long Island, from the Wallabout to Gowanos Creek enclosing completely the Peninsula, on which the village of Brooklyn is situated. Next a line of defence at Harlæm from Benson's Point at the mouth of Harlam Creek, across the Island to the Hudson River in the neighbourhood of Manhattanville Also works of defence at Hell Gate & Sandy Hook to defend those approaches to the City, at Williamsburgh

on the Long Island shore to secure that position between Brooklyn & Hellgate, and at Princes Bay to prevent a landing in the rear of the works on Staten Island

The principal works at Brooklyn were Forts Green—Cummings—Fireman—Masonic & Lawrence [70] connected together by line of intrenchment, and Fort Swift, a strong detached position within the line commanding its whole extent, and also covering the Fortifications on Governors Island—The principal works at Harlaem were Forts Clinton & Fish and Nutters Battery near McGowans Pass, with a line of Towers or Block Houses N° 1. 2. 3 & 4 along the ridge, and then Forts Laight & Horn, near the Bloomingdale Road, with an entrenched line extending towards the North River these works including those at Bensons point on Mill Rock, and at Hallett Point, seemed to form a complete northern line of defence against any but an overwhelming force

The accomplishment of a plan of defence so extensive might easily be supposed to require immense labour and the expenditure of vast sums of money

The Committee finding from the embarrassed state of the finances of the General Government that little or no assistance could be expected from that quarter, and that the extensive works with the various other preparations of defence, must chiefly depend on the energies of the City; determined immediately to make an appeal to the [71] patriotism of their fellow Citizens, for that aid, and co-operation, and for those extraordinary efforts, which the alarming crisis of affairs appeared to demand—They made the appeal, and as they fondly anticipated, it was not made in vain, their fellow Citizens of all ages & classes eagerly stepped forward to meet the crisis and cheerfully afforded the requisite aid of personal labour and pecuniary contributions; the spirit of party seemed to be banished for a season, and the only rivalship among them was, who should be foremost in the patriotic work—It is believed that more than 100 000 days labour, were voluntary bestowed by many fellow Citizens, on the fortifications of the City; in addition to their efforts, much & very important aid was received from the Inhabitants of Long Island, and the other neighbouring counties. the Spirit which animated the Citizens of New York spread to the state of New Jersey; large companies of the yeomanry of that sister state from the distance of 30 or 40 miles ofered their services, and frequently wrought with fidelity, on the fortifications at Brooklyn and Harlaem, rendering very important aid, in the progress and completion [72] of the works—The defences progressed with great

rapidity, and the patriotism of our fellow Citizens in contributing personal labour saved to the Government immense sums of money, which the works would otherwise have cost

The Committee soon found that the superintendence of the works, the arranging of the fatigue parties, and the various other concerns incident to the defence of the City which were daily multiplying on their hands demanded the whole of their time and attentions they accordingly determined to meet daily for the transaction of the business committed to their charge, this they continued to do for several months, until the completion of the works, and the increased improbability of an hostile attempt during that season in their opinion justified a less strict attention *in their opinion*

While the danger of invasion was imminent and increasing, the Commander in Chief of this military district, made requisitions on the States of New York, & New Jersey, for large detachments of their militia for the defence & protection of this City; and the Committee [73] were informed by him that his whole dependence was upon the patriotism of the Corporation, for their pay subsistence & Camp equipage, as he was entirely destitute of the means of providing even for their accommodation or subsistence

The Pay masters, the Contractors. the Quartermasters the Engineers, the Ordnance Departments were all in fact destitute of money; tents Barracks & Camp equipage were immediately wanted for the accommodation of the large detachments of Militia thus called into service; arms and cannon were to be procured, the deficiency of ammunition was to be supplied, gun carriages were to be made or repaired; and Vessels were to be purchased to form obstructions in the Harbour, all these subjects and many more, (none of which could be neglected with safety to the City) required that immediate measures should be taken to raise a sufficient sum, to meet these very great & unexpected calls for money—The Committee accordingly recommended to the Corporation to borrow one million of Dollars, for the purposes of defence, this recommendation being promptly acceded to, a loan was opened, and the sum required speedily subscribed and placed at the disposal of the [74] Committee—furnished with these means they were enabled not only to supply the wants of the several departments, to cause the works of defence to go on with rapidity to procure whatever might be deemed necessary for defence, but also to provide many things for the comfort, and convenience of their fellow citizens, who had left their families & domestic comforts, & who were in arms for the defence of our City

Soon after the loan was filled, an arrangement was made with the General Government for their final assumption & payment of most of the advances, which the Committee were required to make by the exigency of the times; and they have since happily effected a settlement with the Treasury department embracing all the principal expenditures & & advances made by them—In virtue of this settlement the sum of $1 100 009 $^{87}/_{100}$ of the 6 p^{r} Cent stock of the U S, has been received and placed to the credit of the Corporation, also the further sum of $53 000 in Treasury notes—some few items however not included in the settlement amounting to $9265 $^{23}/_{100}$ tho' not yet received, are admitted by the accounting officers of the Treasury, and [75] will speedily be paid, and certain others amounting to $37422 being for damages awarded to the Proprietors of grounds occupied by the Fortifications will require Legislative provision before they can be settled, these several sums with the sum of $4629 $^{10}/_{100}$ being the balance of cash on hand amount to $1204,326 $^{25}/_{100}$ making a probable gain to the Corporation of about $150 000

The terms upon which the arrangement with the Government was made for the assumption of those advances from the dark and unpropitious appearance of our national affairs at that time, presented to the Committee at first but a faint prospect of the Corporation being fully indemnified for all the money they were called upon to expend; but the times were then portentous, the safety of the City was in jeopardy and the honor of the Country which would have been deeply tarnished by the fall of New York left no alternative, the risk was to be encountered tho' it should terminate in the loss of the whole, and the public feeling called for the sacrifice, if a sacrifice it should eventually prove to be

The Committee have reason to believe the vigorous [76] efforts which were made in this City to place it in a respectable state of defence, were the means, under providence, of preserving it from attack possibly from the unhappy fate of the seat of our national Government —They think they will not be charged with vain boasting when they assert their belief, that from the strength of the works of defence and the high state of the discipline of our patriotic militia, who had assembled to defend them, that had the Enemy at the period of their completion, ventured *on* [an] attack they would have met with as gallant a repulse as they experienced at New Orleans—The Committee avail themselves of the present occasion to recommend to the Corporation to press upon the General & State governments, the propriety of adopting measures to maintain & preserve the works of defence which now encircle

the *the* City, as in their opinion it would be an expensive and dangerous policy, a lavish [waste] of property, and a reflection upon the nation to suffer the Forts, redoubts & Batteries so recently so effectually erected for our defence and upon which so much patriotic exertion has been bestowed, so soon to fall into ruin [77] & decay & thus return to the defenceless state in which we were in the Summer of the last year In the present state of the world, no human eye can foresee how soon this country (which God forbid) be again involved in a state of war, but every individual can conceive, how much influence our being properly prepared to receive & repulse an enemy, would have in detering him from such violations of our rights & national honor as might lead to so unhappy an event

The alacrity with which the Citizens of N York when called upon, seconded the efforts of their municipal authorities, must be highly gratifying to the Corporation, & will be to them a sure pledge, that their constituents should any future occasion call for similar sacrifices will not diminish the reputation which they have acquired, by their great & unparalled exertions

The Committee subjoin a general statement of their expenditures & a Copy of their minutes for the information of the Common Council and submit to them the Report of Gen[l] Swift which is accompanied by a port folio of drawings of the works of defence executed in an elegant & masterly style—They cannot close their report [78] without expressing the high opinion they entertain of the talents & services of that excellent Officer—the judgment displayed by him in the formation of his plan of defence, his zeal & indefatigable personal attention to the execution of it, and his frank and amiable deportment in his communications with the Committee, excited their high respect & warm esteem, gained the confidence of their fellow Citizens, & will justify the Corporation in enrolling the name of Brigadier Gen[l] Joseph G Swift among the benefactors of the City of New York

They therefore recommend that his portrait have a place in the Gallery of paintings belonging to the Corporation, that he be requested to sit for the purpose, and that the Committee be authorized to employ some suitable & skillful artist on the occasion

(Sig[d]) Nich[s] Fish
Peter Mesier
G Buckmaster
J Mapes
Tho[s] R Smith
Gideon Tucker
Isaac S Douglass

[79] Which was approved and it was refered to them to carry into effect the Resolution respecting Gen[l] Swift—The Copy of the minutes of Defence together with the port folio of Maps & Drawings were directed to be taken charge of by the Clerk of the Common Council & preserved among the Archives of the Corporation

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of the Measures of grain for an encrease of pay presented a report which was read and directed to be laid upon the table

It was refered to the following Committee to consider and report how far it would be proper to direct the City measurers to conform in measuring Wheat to the regulations adopted by the dealers in that article

Committee appointed were Alder[n] Mesier M[r] Underhill Alder[n] Buckmaster

The Petition & remonstrance on the subject of the Park in chatham Square, which was at the last meeting presented, was by order referred to Alder[n] Lawrence Alder[n] Munson M[r] King

[80] M[r] King presented the following Resolution which was agreed to

Resolved that the Committee of defence be requested to report by the next meeting of this Board the nature, progress, & present state of the loan of $400 000 made to the Governor of this State on the 23[d] December last, and the security agreed to be given therefor

Resolved that the Salary of John M[c]Comb Street Commissioner be raised to the sum of $2 000 per annum and that the encrease be paid to him from the last settlement of his account, and Resolved that the salary of Roosewell Graves his assistant be encreased to $1000 per annum, the encrease to be paid from the last settlement of the St Com[rs] accounts

Alder[n] Douglass presented the following

Resolved that the present incumbents of the several offices of Keeper & assistant Keeper of the City Prison be and they are hereby removed from office

Resolved that Nehemiah Allen be and he is hereby appointed Keeper of the City Prison

[81] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	28726.12
Warrants not presented	619.04
	28107.08

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Co Do	623.00
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
T R Mercein 1 Qr Salry Compr to 1 Nov	500.00
Peter Aymar Colr City Revenue 1 Qr	200.00
R Graves Depy St Comsr to 1st Nov	200.00
M Ackerman Keepr Potters Field Do	46.50
Commercial Advertizer in full to 1 Octr	83.40
Evening Post Do Do	60.41
I Lufborrow regulatg Clock in Rutgers St	16.66
J Tallman Asst City Inspr to 1 Nov 2 Mo	122.00
A Woodward Do Do 1 Do	62.50
H W Peckwell St Inspr Do Do	52.00
W McIntosh Do Do Do	52.00
C E Duncan Do Do Do	52.00
J W Jarvis for portrait Comr Hull	400.00
A Rooke Keepr Signal Poles 1 Qr Salry	82.50
Peace officers for conductg Vagrants to Bridl to 1 Nov	120.62
J Meghan on acct paving Nassau St	147.18
[82] J Meghan on acct pavg Liberty St	300.00
C Mooney Do Do Pearl "	100.00
A Smith Do Do Anthony "	200.00
R Hamilton Do Do Third "	300.00
A Stagg Do Do Walnut "	400.00
R Roman Do Do Rector "	106.25
A Smyth Do Do Washington "	400.00
J Bailey pavg Intersectns Streets	212.48
St Commissr on acct sundry reprs Sts &c &c	500.00
T & G Lovett Do Walnut St	400.00
G Sneethen Supdt Lamps to 9th Inst	512.75
T Hazard for Lamp oil	88.00
J Hardman work on Roads in full	186.60
O Waldron Do Do	197.91
Higgins & Park on Acct fillg Catharine Slip	919.56
P Fenton timber for reprs to Wharves	34.37
J Frost Corpn proporn repairs to Stevens Wharf	12.28
L Pursiany in full for mud machine	42.62
St Comsr to pay Arbitran fees case P & E Dobbs	19.85
H Allen work West side Market Slip	1969.62
Thos Dick painting floatg Engine	41.00
G Charlton on acct Well & Pump White St	80.40
M Reid Do Do Anthony St	63.38
Do Do Do Duane "	93.68
H Harp Do Do Arundle "	67.19
J Richardson reprs to Wells	50.51
[83] Peter Haynes acct well Pump Pearl St	67.10

H Brush reprs to Pumps	40.37
J Comes Do	38.43
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.00
W Fish to pay 1 Qrs Int on N Y City Stock	10500.00
Bd Health Balc unpaid	150.00
T R Mercein Compr for Qr Rents pd by him & posz	1153.00
	$28.566.90

[84] Special Meeting In Common Council Novr 13 1815

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Jonas Mapes Augustin H Lawrence Peter McCartee Thomas R Smith William Few Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard Anthy L Underhill Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Arthur Burtis Wm A Hardenbrook	Assistants

His Honor the Mayor stated to the Board that the Assessors for estimating the expenses for opening Fair Street, to whom their assessment had at the last meeting been refered back for revision & consideration having presented to him their report upon the subject he had agreably to the request of the Board called them together for the purpose of considering of the same—And he further observed that as the consideration of the subject would not probably occupy much time he conceived this would be a fit opportunity for the Common [85] Council to make their quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell, and he had therefore summoned them to meet at the Alms House

The Report of the assessors was then read in the words following

The Assessors to whom was referred the consideration of the assessment made for benefits derived from ,the opening straightening & extending of Fair Street together with the annexed objections & protest—Do respectfully Report That they have caused notice to be given to each of the parties who objected or protested to their said assessment, that they the assessors would at a certain time & place hear whatever they might wish to say in support of their said objections & protest

That in conformity to the said notice several of the said parties did appear before the assessors, and stated to them whatever they thought fit in support of their objections & protest

That we the assessors having carefully revised & reconsidered the assessment so objected to and the several objections made thereto

together with what had been said in support of the said objections, are unanimously of [86] opinion that the said assessment so objected to, ought not to be altered in any part thereof

(Sig[d]) Peter Hawes
Z Lewis
John Forbes

Whereupon it was Resolved that the said assessment be and the said is hereby confirmed

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Capt[ns] Crabtree—Jackson Harris & Coggeshall incurred by not reporting Passengers agreably to law

The Finance Committee reported verbally that in pursuance of the authority vested in them by the Common Council they had appointed Daniel E Tylee to sign the small Bills of change issued by the Corporation of the denominations of $^{75}/_{100}$ $^{50}/_{100}$ $^{25}/_{100}$ to the amount of fifty thousand Dollars and they presented a power of Attorney from the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty to Daniel E Tylee ratifying & confirming the *the* appointment of the said Daniel E Tylee [87] and binding themselves to pay on demand to the holders of such Bills which have been or shall hereafter be signed by said Daniel E Tylee under said appointment the amount or sum specified in said notes or Bills respectively—which said power of attorney's was directed to be duly executed

Resolved that the following be a committee to make the usual arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the 25 November Alder[n] Smith Alder[n] Mapes M[r] King

The Board then proceeded to visit the Bridewell and Alms House after which they adjourned to meet at the Common Council Chamber on Monday next

[88] In Common Council Nov 20[th] 1815

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Anthony L Underhill	
Augustine H Lawrence		Elisha W King	
Peter McCartee		Daniel E Tylee	
Thomas R Smith		Arthur Burtis	
Isaac S Douglass		Wm A Hardenbrook	
William Few		Noah Brown	
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of the Society for the relief of poor Widows with small children stating that the demands upon their charity has exceeded their funds—that they are indebted to the Commissioners of the Alms House for wood furnished to them to the amount of $900 & praying the aid of the Corporation was read [89] and referred to Alder^{n} Few Alder^{n} M^{c}Cartee Alder^{n} Fish

A Petition of Jacob Ferris a Minor for a Cartmans license. was read & refered to the Mayor with authority to grant

A Petition of John Edwards praying remission of a penalty under the Dog law was read & referred to Alder^{n} Few Alder^{n} Lawrence M^{r} Underhill

A Petition of William Kincaid for some appointment as a Mechanic in the new establishment of the Alms House at Bellevue was read & referred to the Commiss^{rs} of the Alms House

A Petition of Henry Burtsell for appointment of Deputy Keeper of the Bridewell was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of William Jacobs for remission of fine incured under Sunday law, was read and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Henry Low praying that a [90] suit commenced against him upon a recognizance entered into by him that one Barzillai Ward should leave the City stating his extreme poverty was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the penalty if in his opinion proper

A Petition of Jonathan J Coddington praying to be permitted to continue for two weeks a Lime House he had erected with the permission of the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the ward, was read and granted

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Capt^{ns} Ferguson, Knapp. Merrihew & Low for not reporting passengers agreably to laws

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well in Stanton St which was read & confirmed

He also presented a communication on improving the ground between Broad way & the Bowery & between Jones & 8th Streets which was read and referred to the Committee of surveys

Upon the petition relating to awning posts [91] he reported, That in his opinion, the law relating to awning Posts ought to be carried into effect—and which was the case throughout great part of the City previous to the application of the Petitioners

It is acknowledged that the awning posts have generally been kep't in more decent order this season than they have usually been, and it

may be always the case if they are renewed every season which may be done at a trifling expense—but if once permitted to remain, they will soon become neglected & irregular in their appearance

(Sigd) Jno McComb, St Comssr

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for digging out and making a Road through 70th Street which was passed & Gabriel Furman Ezekiel Bishop & Aqula Giles were appointed assessors—And also an ordinance for a well in Dominick St at the corner of Clark Street, which was passed, & Thomas C Taylor Charles Stewart & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

He also presented the following

[92] The St Comsr respectfully states that Mr Brady who requested the loan of the Augur owned by the Corporation and whose request was directed to be complied with, has called for the same, but the part most material to him is wanting

He states that the expense of making the part wanted by him will be about $50 or $60 as his object is to make a trial for coal, which he thinks from certain indications may be found on this Island

The Street Commissioner would suggest the propriety of directing the necessary parts of the machine to be constructed

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comssr

Which was approved, and he was directed to take an acknowledgement of the loan of the Machine from Mr Brady

The building Committee on the Petition of John Astin & John Cochran Reported that they have taken the same into consideration; and in consequence of the enhanced price of every article of living and the very moderate salary of the Petitioners recommend, that they be entitled to receive [93] thirty instead of twenty five Dollars per month for their services, to commence from the First Instant

(Sigd) Thos R Smith
Arthur Burtis
A H Lawrence
Nicholas Fish
Reuben Munson

Which was agreed to

The Committee on the Petition of Strong Sturges Reported—that they have examined the property mentioned in the said petition that the danger of permitting the Dock to remain in its present situation is not so great as it was before the piers at Catharine Slip were built which has changed the course of the current so as not much to affect

the premises in question—Your Committee further report that it will be attended with serious inconvenience to the Petitioner to repair the Dock this Season on account of the great scarcity of stone

Your Committee therefore recommend that the time be extended for the Petitioner to comply with the ordinance on this subject [94] until the first of June next

(Sig^{d}) Peter M^{c}Cartee
Tho^{s} R Smith
Jacob Lorillard

Which was approved

The Committee of charity, to whom was refered the Petition of Margaret Smith Reported—That the subject is not one which properly comes under the cognizance of the Committee or indeed the common Council—it nevertheless appears that her case is peculiarly hard that relief can in no way be afforded except by the intervention of the Common Council, and that her situation would justify the Board, in granting so far the prayer of the Petition, as would enable her to fence in the remaining part *part* of her property and make a well thereon

(Sig^{d}) J Mapes
Arthur Burtis
Peter Mesier
Noah Brown

Which was approved on consideration that the sum allowed do not exceed two hundred and fifty Dollars

[95] The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons—which were passed

Caleb Crane		Lot on Anthony St	
J Suydam Henry Denny	owr occpt	nuis^{c}	N^{o} 61 Front St
William Edwards C Boyd	owr occp^{t}	"	69 D^{o}
Andrew Ten Eyck J West	owr occpt	"	71 "
Thomas Prior Bristol & Smith	owr occpt	"	75 "
J P Decatur S Coddington & Co	owr occpt	"	12 Coentius Slip
Harris & Belleville John Coates	Lessees occpt	"	44 Front St
Stevens & Lippencott	ow^{s} & occp^{t}		52 & 54 "

B Rapelye	owr	70	Front St
Daniel Richards	occpt		
Jones & Clinch	owrs	78	"
T E & R T Ferris	occpts		
Jones & Clinch	owrs	76	"
J Robertson	occpts		
J F Miller	owr occpt	72	"
Stephens & Lippencot	owrs	47	Water St
F & F W Corlies	occpts		
[96] G Cochran	owr	71	Water St
G Concklin	occpt		
John Suydam & Henr J Wyckoff	owrs	45	Do
Peters & Hasbrook	occpts		
Mary Brown	owr	55	Do
Michael Hughes	occpt		
Edward Seaman	owr	59	Do
Robert R Goelet	occpt		
Mrs Bowers	owr	55	Do
A Burk	occpt		
Thos Stougtenburgh	owr & occpt	43	Do
Mrs Bowers	owr	57	Do
R Morris	occpt		

Alderm Smith having moved that the salary of Mr R Stephens Depy Clerk of the Police office, be raised, And Mr King also moving that the salary of Mr A Woodward Asst City Inspector be also raised —the several subjects were refered to the police Committee

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of inhabitants in Orange St for removal of obstructions near Chatham St reported That he has examined the situation of Orange St, and is fully of opinion that [97] it would be of great benefit to the property in the Street, if that part next chatham Street was opened to the full width agreably to a plan accompanying this report, especially as Orange St between Chatham & Leonard St must in a short time be raised & repaved so as to convey the water into collect Street.

He therefore can see no reasonable objections why the prayer of the Petitioners should not be granted

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was approved and the Council was directed to take legal measures to carry the same into effect

The following Communication was presented by the Public Administrator

The Public Administrator asks the direction of the Corporation in the case to which the following statement of facts, refers

On the 27th of September last he was appointed administrator of one Manuel Deropey deceasd late one of the crew of the Privateer Governor Tompkins—Having ascertained previous to administration being granted to him, that Elijah T Pinckney Esq of this City, an attorney [98] of the Supreme Court, had recovered from the agents of that Privateer the amount of Deropeys prise money, upwards of $700 the Administrator called on Mr Pinckney for the purpose of enquiring in whose hands the money then was—He was informed by Mr Pinckney that he had paid over the money to a Mr Aden Ridgway who held a power of Attorney from Deropey & at whose instance he had commenced the suit on which he had recovered it—Having afterwards ascertained with certainty, that Mr Ridgeway had died previously to the money coming into the hands of Mr Pinckney; the administrator informed Mr Pinckney of the fact, at his next interview with him, which was, when after obtaining letters of administration, he called on Mr Pinckney to make a demand upon him for the money—Mr Pinckney made various assertions in relation to the money and his payment of it; but the Administrator being satisfied that Mr Pinckney had not paid over the money, gave him notice that he would apply to the supreme Court for summary relief against him. On receiving such notice [99] Mr Pinckney called upon the administrator and proposed to him to give his note for the amount, indorsed by Dirck TenBroeck Esqr & payable in a year (stating that it was impossible for him to raise the money in a shorter period) provided the application to the supreme Court should not be made—After advising with the Counsel of the Board, the Administrator upon his recommendation informed Mr Pinckney, that if such note was given he would suspend the application until the corporation should decide whether they would accept such note as a security for the demand

Such a note has been furnished by Mr Pinckney, and the administrator now requests the corporation to determine whether he shall pursue legal measures against him for the recovery of the money or whether they will accept the note offered as a security for the same

(Sigd) J Nitchie Pubc Admnr

Whereupon the Public Administrator was requested to pursue legal measures for recovery of the Money

The Committee to whom was refered the subject [100] of the deposit of manure presented a Report, which was read and directed to be laid on the table

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Compy Nº 1

Anthony Minton H Carpenter 42 Leonard St 5 Wd vice Oliver Hicks resgd

David S Board Dyer Cr First & Chapple St 5 Wd
vice Benjn Westervelt resd

Nº 11

John Napier Sadler 33 Barclay St 3d Ward
vice Henry Turpin Dº

Nº 12

James M Hoyt Grocer 42 Cherry St 4th Wd
vice George B Smith Dº

Nº 15

Thomas Parker, Taylor 4 Doyer St 6 Wd
vice Ambrose Defrese Dº

Nº 20

Peter Wilson Tobacconist 125 Greenwich 1 Wd
vice Robert Stewart Dº

Nº 27

John Demarest Stone Cutter 17 Commerce St 8 Wd
vice John Lorton Dº

[101] John McClave—stone cutter
Desbrosses St 5 Wd vice Frederick Storm resgd

John Ennis Cartman Dº Dº vice David Dunn Dº

Nº 41

Edward Gumbs, Cooper Pump St 5 Wd
vice Samuel Hopping Dº*

[120] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$28726.12
Warrants not presented	11862.40
	$16383.72

*From this point to the middle of page 120 the records contain lines of cancellation. Marginal note reads *These Minutes were obliterated by order of the Board on 3rd March 1817—See Volume 32—Pages 192. 229.*—Ed.

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

[121] Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & others Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
Thos Hazard late Keepr C Prison in full	358.59
Do Do Junr depy Do Do "	89.11
Peace Officers services in execun Dog law by ord	51.50
J Varick Inspr Bread to 17th Inst	90.25
Horsfield & Williams Assessg 7th Ward	125.00
Hoyt & Suydam Do 1 "	120.00
W Mercein in full for printing	81.00
B Hicks 1 Mo servs orr Bd of Health	62.00
Ms Taylor 1 Yrs pension, by Resn 24 Octr 1814	60.00
P Burtsell Books & Stationary dift offices	89.88
J L Morton Index 29th vol Minutes	60.00
J A Hardenbrook Candles City Hall	29.53
J McComb St Comsr 1 Qr Salry ends 19th Octr	500.00
B P Cruger 6 Mo Rent to 1 Nov Eng Ho. Beaver St	52.50
F Franklin Chf Engr 1 Qr to 18 Inst	200.00
A Smyth for acct paving Intersections	55.62
C Mooney on Acct Leonard St	150.00
Do Do Elm "	100.00
Do Do Robinson "	250.00
Do Do Pitt "	450.00
A Stagg Do White "	150.00
R Hamilton Do Broadway "	500.00
J Spragg Do Goerck "	200.00
[122] A Stillwell reprs to Pumps	30.75
P Haynes on a/c Well Pump Pearl St	67.10
G Allen reprs to Pumps	19.50
J S Church Do Do	95.75
W S Castle Do Do	25.81
J Halsey on a/c Pier W side Cathn Slip	489.82
T R Mercein to pay Ms Woolsey Int her Bond to 22d	90.00
C Smith & wife on a/c rent Dock Courtldt St foot of	272.92
T & G Lovett on a/c Pier New Ferry Brooklyn	413.75
Do for timber & Work or Supd Reprs	304.36
Hathaway & Marsh reprs to Battery or. come	137.12
J Hays High Constable 1 Qr to 22d Inst	200.00
R Furman Supdt Alms Ho	5000.00
J Wallace " Repairs	500.00
S Campbell Prinl & Int Haml Sqr Bond	919.23
Jothn Post Do Do	1399.56
	$15920.40
Balc	$463.32

[123] Special Meeting In Common Council Nov^{r} 23^{d} 1815

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Alder^{n}	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anth^{y} L Underhill	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Gideon Tucker	
Thomas R Smith		Daniel E Tylee	
Isaac S Douglass		Asa Mann	
George Buckmaster		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish		Noah Brown	
Reuben Munson			

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had summoned them together at the request of the Chairman of the Finance Committee who had a report to make on the subject of the Balance due from the late Commissioner of Excise—Alderman Lawrence from the said Committee presented the following statement of a proposition made by M^{r} Hardenbrook

William A Hardenbrook

Business

[124]	probable amts	Valuations
R F Mullers Bond & Mortgage on about 14 acres....	$9131.42	10000
Dederer D^{o} D^{o} D^{o} 8¾ D^{o}	4318.83	4500
Bonnet D^{o} D^{o} D^{o} 15 D^{o}	3750.00	6000
1 Lot unincumbered 10¾ acres.....	.....	4000
	$17200.25	$24500
add for cost & Interest since the last calculations say..	299.75	
		17500
Balance supposed		$7000
Beside which there will be to receive for the opening of the avenue about		2200
		$9200
Deduct say two years Interest on $17500 @ 6 p^{r} p^{r} ann is.....		2100
Probable saving		$7100

N B From the above statement & calculations the Finance committee presume that a saving of at least from Five to Seven thousand Dollars made to the Corporation—The opinion of your Committee is that unless the debt or a part of it can be secured by the proposed plan, that they can see no prospect of recovering it in any other way—Your Committee would therefore submit for the consideration of the

Board, the expediency of taking a mortgage on or an absolute deed of property above mentioned as they can now arrange for the mortgages of M^r Hardenbrooks on this property by giving their Bonds payable in two Years with interest at 6 p^r Ct [125] per annum payable half yearly, and that the property be sold in the course of the two years, or whatever the Corporation shall deem it most advisable on the following terms

20 p^r Ct down, the remainder in six months & twelve months with 6 p^r Ct Interest—The Deeds to be held in escrow until the money is paid

(Sig^d) by order. A H Lawrence Ch^n

Whereupon it was moved that the principle of the said report be adopted—The question being taken thereon and a division having been called it was carried in the affirmative. the Members voting as follows

Affirmative. 10 Alder^n Mesier. Mapes. Lawrence. M^cCartee Douglass. Fish. Mess^rs Jones. Lorillard Underhill Tylee

Negative 7 Alder^n Smith. Buckmaster. Munson Mess^rs Tucker. Mann. Burtis. Brown.

The subject was then refered for adjustment to the Finance Committee & Comptroller with direction that upon M^r Hardenbrook's settling with them and to their satisfaction if the sum found due from him shall appear to them to be of sufficient amount to warrant the advance [126] on the part of the Corporation proposed by the said report that they then proceed to make the arrangement therein prescribed and to issue in the recess of the Board the necessary Bonds

A Petition of John Fenton praying discharge from an execution upon a judgment recovered against him for a breach of the sunday law upon which he was imprisoned was read and the prayer thereof granted and the attorney was directed to enter a discharge thereupon

Resolved the Finance Committee be authorized to sell from time to time as they shall deem the demands of the Corporation shall make necessary a further sum of the U S Stock not exceeding twenty thousand Dollars

Upon motion the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board directing Orange Street to be opened, was reconsidered and the subject was refered to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

[127] In Common Council Dec^{r} 4th 1815

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthony L Underhill
Augustine H Lawrence	Elisha W King
Peter M^{c}Cartee	Gideon Tucker
Thomas R Smith	Daniel E Tylee
Isaac S Douglass	Asa Mann
George Buckmaster	Arthur Burtis
William Few	W^{m} A Hardenbrook
Nicholas Fish	Noah Brown
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Petitions of Cornelius Stoughtenburgh of C Carpenter & Jarvis Van Cott minors for licenses as Cartmen were read & refered to His Honor the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioners

A Petition of William Anderson praying [128] remission of penalty for not complying with an ordinance respecting the filling in of a Lot was read & granted on payment of costs

The Counsel presented Grants to Jacob M Hicks and John M Hicks of a Water Lot at Brooklyn, a similar Grant to Jonathan Thompson, the like to Samuel Jackson and also to Gideon Kimberley drawn in pursuance of the late Resolution of the Board on the subject of the Brooklyn Grants and upon the terms prescribed by the Comptroller, which were directed to be executed as escrows, until the counterparts are executed by grantees

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Capt^{ns} Kack, Welden Smith Holt Chandler & Willard for not reporting passengers.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed—Viz for regulating Grand st from Walnut St to the Bulkhead—for regulating [129] & paving Orange St from Grand to Broome St—for regulating & paving Rynder St from Grand to Broome St—for regulating & paving Elm St from Anthony to White St, for surplus damages in opening 125 St between the 3^{d} Avenue and a lane leading to Manhattanville—for surplus damages in opening North St for repairing Drain in Oak St

A Petition from sundry Watchmen praying an encrease of pay was read & refered to the Watch Committee

A Petition of John V Conklin praying a Stall in Washington or Catharine Market an[d] of Cornelius V Gibson for Stall in Washington Market lately held by Nicholas B Saymour were read & refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of George Duryee Cartman stating that he has had the misfortune to loose an Arm and praying permission to drive an extra cart for his support—was refered to the Committee of applications.

A Petition of Abijah Weston. John D Wolfe & [130] J D Wolfe Junr stating that on the sale of the Government House Lots Abijah Weston was the purchasor of one in State Street the first from Broad Way fronting the Battery that the said Weston had sold the same to the said Jas D Wolfe Junr and praying that the Deeds from the Corporation may be made to the said Jas D Wolfe Junr

Which was refered to the Attorney to report thereon

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller has the satisfaction to inform the Common Council, that the sales of the Government House Lots & buildings thereon have been closed & finally adjusted Twenty per cent of the purchase money amounting to the sum of $48940 has been received into the City Treasury—the balance was payable in notes bearing an Interest & amounted to $109-260

It will be recollected that in a former communication. he had the honor to propose that this last sum should be appropriated towards the payment of sundry Bonds due by the Corporation to the Mechanics Bank the amount of the Bonds as follows

[131]	one for	$28.054.75
	one do	20000.00
	one do	50000.00
	do	18750.00
	Interest thereon to 26th May last	116804.75
	when the notes given for the Lots are dated	10935.53
		$127740.28

As the notes for the different instalments bear Interest, the Mechanic Bank, have agreed to give the Corporation credit for the face of them provided a Warrant be issued to them for the payment of as many Bonds and the Interest as will amount to the sum to be credited and cancel the Bonds accordingly

As the amount to be received will not cancel all the Bonds it is proposed to pay the following

	28.054.75	Interest	$2439.98
	20000.00		1882.19
	50.000.00		5414.39
And the Interest on..... for $18.750	$98054.75		
the one remaining unpaid amounting to.....			1198.97
			10935.53
Principal.....			98054.75
Total Amt Principal & Interest.....			$108990.28

A Warrant for that sum will enable the undersigned to cancel all the Bonds due the Mechanics Bank except the one for $18.750 [132] annexed is a statement exhibiting the result of the negociation

Dr The Government House Grounds Cr

To Cash p[d] the State...	50000	00	By Cash rec[d] for the Lots	158200	00
" property at the Narrows for U S	19335	00	" for the Buildings exclusive of		
" Int on first purchase.....	2000	00	charges.....	6287	00
" for the Buildings as per valuation	14245	00	" Rent of Custom Ho.....	1463	00
Nett gain...	80370	00			
	$165950	00		$165950	00

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein. Comp[r]

Which was approved and a Warrant ordered to issue accordingly.

The Committee on the Petition of the Society for the relief of poor Widows with small children Reported. That having duly considered the subject & examined the Books & transactions of the managers find, that the Society has administered relief and comfort to many hundreds of poor widows and fatherless children; many of whom would otherwise have been inevitably induced to the necessity of taking refuge in the Alms House

[133] That the annual amount of their funds arising from the subscriptions of the members of the society & from donations, Stock &[c] is about $2500 and the number relieved last year from that fund was 217 widows and 538 small children and it is believed there will be many urgent applications to encrease that number which the funds of the Society will not admit as they are now in debt for the greatest part of the wood they distributed last winter

That this Society has been long established and the relief it has administered to that class of poor is well known: its numbers have not been much encreased or diminished during many years now amounting to about 300 subscribing ladies who pay annually 3 Dollars each. the annual donations of ladies & Gentlemen amount to a larger Sum. The application of their funds and the whole business of the society is done by twelve managers, a first & Second Directress, a Treasurer and a Secretary annually chosen, who are governed by judicious Rules and by laws well calculated to distribute their charity to the greatest advantage to such suffering females as are best entitled to it

[134] Your Committee conceive it their duty to declare on taking a retrospective view of the transactions of this Society that they believe it has rendered to the Community great and essential services. The encreased diligence of the managers, the order system and judgment, with which they administer the bounties of the society in relieving the poor justly entitle them to public patronage

On these considerations the Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the sum of $750 be given to the managers of the Society for the relief of Poor Widows with small Children to be appropriated by them to the relief and comfort of those indigent persons to whom they have extended or may extend their Charity

(Sig^{d}) W Few
Nich^{ls} Fish
Peter M^{c}Cartee

Which was approved

The Committee of Charity presented a communication on the subject of the distribution of fuel in the several wards of the City which was directed to lie for consideration

[135] M^{r} Hardenbrook moved that the sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars be given by the Corporation towards the expense of opening 70th Street from the 10th avenue to the North River

Ordered that the consideration of the same be postponed

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$23252.06
Warrants not presented	2700.81
	$20551.35

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Co Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Willis & Vandyck Do	339.50
H W Peckwell St Inspr to 1 Decr	52.00
W McIntosh Do Do	52.00
C E Duncan Do Do	52.00
M Ackerman Keepr Potters Field Do	45.00
J W Jarvis for Portrait Comr McDonough	400.00
R Hatfield for acknogl Deed for Corpn at Devoes Point	12.50
Comptroller to pay for 2 F Buckets lost & valuation of certain Ferry Boats	10.00
J Tallman Asst City Inspr to 1 Decr	60.00
[136] S Walker postg Bills for Clerk & St Comsr	18.00
J Izod Music for 25 Novr	25.00
B Skaats & assistants 1 Qr Salry	292.74
J Hedden Spl Justice to 26 Novr	250.00
J Warner Do Do	250.00
J Hopson Do Do	250.00
B Oblenis chief Clerk Do	250.00
R Stephens Asst Do Do	150.00
J Hays & others extra Servs Polce ofcr certfd by Justis	323.68
C Mooney on Acct paving Elm St	100.00
Do Do Do Leonard "	150.00
Do Do Do Robinson "	100.00
A Higgins Do regulating Fair "	248.50
R Moran Do of paving Murray "	300.00
J Bailey Do Do Hanover Sqr	500.00
J Meghan Do Do Liberty St	100.00
H Smith Do Do Anthony St	150.00
P Honeywell Award propery taken fr 3d avenue	25.86
A Higgins on a/c contct filling Catharine Slip	919.56
T & G Lovett sand & gravel for Battery	31.62
G Gosman, Corpn proporn Divisn Fence in 9th Wd	45.78
Chan Come Charity, advanced to Mde Harriet pr ord Bd	30.00
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.00
Joel Post prinl & Int Hamilton Sqr Bond	1414.39
J Ricard Do Do	1110.00
E Jenning on a/c 3d Avenue by order	1000.00
	$16125.38
Balance	$4427.97

[137] The Minutes of the day were read and approved

This being the day prescribed by law for the newly elected Members to be sworn into office the following members appeared and took

the oaths prescribed by law which were administered by His Honor the Mayor, and also the other elective officers

John B Coles	Alderⁿ	1st Wd
Samuel Jones Junr	Assistant	
John Suydam, Gould Hoyt	Assessors	
Robert Graham, Zephaniah Brown	Constables	
Jonas Mapes	Alderⁿ	2d Wd
Jacob Lorillard	Assistant	
Israel Horsfield, Eliphalet Williams	Assessors	
John C Gillen, Asa Eastwood	Constables	
Augustine H Lawrence	Alderⁿ	3d Wd
Anthony L Underhill	Assistant	
Harmanus Tallman, John Hagerty	Assessors	
George Van Geeson, Joshua Green	Constables	
[138] Peter McCartee	Alderⁿ	4th Wd
Elisha W King	Assistant	
David Baker, Thomas Bloodgood	Assessors	
Peter Hojer, Charles Fisher	Constables	
Thomas R Smith	Alderⁿ	5th Wd
Gideon Tucker	Assistant	
Thos J Campbell, John Morss	Assessors	
John Striker, Charles E Kelly	Constables	
William Coulthard	Alderⁿ	6th Wd
Daniel E Tylee	Assistant	
John McClure, Andrew Colvin	Assessors	
John Strang, Lewis Dubois	Constables	
George Buckmaster	Alderⁿ	7th Wd
Asa Mann	Assistant	
David Lyon, Michael M Titus	Assessors	
John McKibbin, Azel Conklin	Constables	

[139] William Few	Alder[n]	8th Wd
Arthur Burtis	Assistant	
	Assessors	
Andrew Bleakley, Corn[s] J Westervelt	Constables	
Nicholas Fish	Aldermen	9th Wd
John H Tallman	Assistant	
William Brady, William Holmes	Assessors	
Silvanus Conklin, Reuben Ryder	Constables	
Reuben Munson	Alderman	10th Wd
Thomas Cooper	Assistant	
Amos Clarke, John Hunt	Assessors	
Henry G Disbrow, Nathaniel Nott Jun[r]	Constables	

Jacob Hays was appointed by the Mayor High Constable and sworn into office

The new Board was then formed and the following members took their seats

[140] The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

John B. Coles		Samuel Jones Jun[r]
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Peter M[c]Cartee		Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker
William Coulthard	Aldermen.	Daniel E Tylee — Assistants
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann
William Few		Arthur Burtis
Reuben Munson		John H Tallman
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Cooper

A Petition of John Goffet praying appointment of Wood Inspector was read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Thomas Marsh to be appointed door keeper to the watch Room in Washington Market and to have the care of the same was read & refered to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Blaze Ten Brook holding stall N° 20. in Washington market and Nicholas Dean holding N° in Duane Market praying permission to exchange Stalls was read & refered [141] to the Market Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition

The Police Committee, on the subject of increasing the Salaries of the Deputy Clerk of Police, and of the assistant City Inspector Re-

ported—that they have had the matter under consideration and considering the present high price of every article of living they respectfully recommend that the sum of two hundred Dollars be allowed to the Deputy Clerk of police; and that the sum of two hundred and fifty Dollars be likewise allowed to the Deputy City Inspector in addition to their present salaries—Which however in the opinion of your Committee ought not to be continued longer than the present year or the state of the times shall render it actually necessary—all which is respecfully submitted

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Smith
Isaac S Douglass
E W King

Which was approved

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the

[142] William Vandevoort owr J W Cook & Co occp[t]	82 Pearl St
Robert P Bell owr John Ray occp[t]	82½ "
Levy owr William Simpson occpt	64 Water
William Faulkner owr & occp[t]	6 Old Slip
Thomas Gardner owr Isaac Stevens occpt	80 Water St
Robert Bache owr Mr[s] Chip occpt	128 Pearl
J Thompson owr Hal[s]ted & Wiggins occpt[s]	126 D[o]
J Campbell owr & occpt	124 D[o]
J St John owr M[rs] Chapman occpt	118 D[o]
Abraham Van Nest owr & occp[t]	114 D[o]

Which were passed

Alder[n] Lawrence presented the following Resolution which was passed.

Resolved that hereafter it shall be the duty of the several Wood Inspectors of this City to give immediate information to the Mayor of every violation of the ordinance of this Board which shall come to his knowledge [143] in relation to the purchase of firewood by Cartmen for the purpose of re-selling the same—and that every wood In-

spector who shall be guilty of any neglect in the premises shall forfeit his office

Resolved that the Warrant directed for the payment of the Account to Richard Hatfield for acknowledging a deed to the Corporation be not paid until the further order of the Board

Resolved that permission be given to the Managers of the Medical Science Lottery—to draw the same in one of the rooms of the Hall under the direction of the Keeper of the Hall

Adjourned to meet at the Alms House at 3 O Clock this day

The Board met agreably to adjournment

Prest The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt

John B Coles		Samuel Jones Junr
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Peter McCartee		Gideon Tucker
Thomas R Smith	Aldern	Daniel E Tylee — Assistants
William Coulthard		Arthur Burtis
George Buckmaster		John H Tallman
William Few		Thomas Cooper
Nicholas Fish		

[144] This being the day agreably to the Charter for the appointment of Chamberlain or Treasurer. Whitehead Fish was reappointed to that office. the Clerk was directed to give him notice thereof and to give his Sureties to be approved of by the Mayor & Comptroller

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Compy No 3

William Reeves Butcher Thompson St 8th Wd vice Peter Egbert resgd

Fire Enge Compy No 8

Valentine Luff Mrocco finisher 76 Gold St 2d Wd vice Theophilus Mercelis resgd

John L Bogert Mason Cr Duane & Greenwich St 5 Wd vice Adrian B Holmes resgd

No 9

John Sutherland Carpenter 10 Beaver St 1 Wr vice Jacob Sherred resgd

John De Bevoise Clerk 12 New St 1 Wd vice Cornelius Van Cleef. left City

Thomas Constantine Cabinet maker 60 Vesey St 3d Ward vice William Shippey left City

[145] N° 7.

John H Oldershaw, Cabinet maker 30 Beekman S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d} vice Moses Lafetra res^{gd}

Elisha S Mott Morocco Dresser. 6 Vandewater St 4th W^{d} vice Isaac Ferris res^{gd}

N° 5

Robert Genders. Mercht 17 Duane St 6th W^{d} vice Charles B Read res^{gd}

N° 18

George W Brown, Glove maker
281 Pearl St 2^{d} W^{d} vice Rob^{t} C Cornell res^{gd}

Samuel E Shotwell Glove maker
D° " vice Elijah Cornell "

Samuel Willetts Merchant
291 D° " Vice John L Embree "

Phineas S Bunting Merchant
251 D° " vice Robert Bruce "

Richard M White Merchant
72 John St " vice John Chichester "

James Anderson Cork Cutter
196 Water St " vice Willett Seaman "

David G Pearsall Smith 39 Cheapside St 7th W^{d}
vice Cornelius W Lawrence "

Charles Willets Mercht 172 Water St 2^{d} W^{d}
vice John K Townsend "

John M Lowry Mercht 8 Stone St 1st W^{d} vice Richard Ervin "

[146] N° 31

John Dennis Carpenter Grand N^{r} Mercer St 8 W^{d} vice William Stewart res^{gd}

Thomas Charters Coach Maker 7 Ryder St 6 W^{d} vice Joseph Price res^{gd}

N° 37.

Arthur Miller Rope maker 9 Norfolk St 10th W^{d} vice Isaac Van Evour expel^{d}

Ezra Healy H Carpenter 30 Lombardy S^{t} 7 W^{d} vice Lemuel Richardson res^{gd}

Richard Stimerson H Carpenter 3^{d} S^{t} near Hester 10th W^{d} vice James Cocks res^{gd}

N° 39.

James B Smith Taylor C^{r} James & Cherry vice Henry H Sherman res^{gd}

N° 40

John Post H Carpenter C^r Spring & Mulberry 8^th W^d vice Stephen Sammis res^gd

The Board then adjourned to this day Fortnight

[147] In Common Council December 18^th 1815

present The Hon^l Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

John B Coles	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^r	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthy L Underhill	
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Daniel E Tylee	
William Coulthard		Asa Mann	
William Few		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish		John H Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

M^r Lorillard stated that previous to any further business being transacted he thought it proper that Rules and orders for the Government of business in the Common Council should be adopted. He therefore moved that a Committee be appointed to report Rules and orders for that purpose. The following Committee was therefore appointed

[148] M^r King—Alder^n Mapes—Alder^n Lawrence

The Committee retired and returned reporting the following Rules, which upon the question being taken on them & a division called by Alder^n Munson seconded by M^r Mann was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative Alder^n Coles—Mapes—Lawrence—McCartee Coulthard. Few. Fish. Mess^rs Jones Lorillard Underhill. King. Tylee. Burtis. Tallman 14

Negative Alder^n Smith. Munson. Mann. Cooper. 4

Rules and Orders

of the Common Council of the
City of New York
passed Dec^r 18^th 1815

1. Upon the appearance of five Aldermen and five assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, shall take the chair as President, and the members be called to order

2. Immediately after the President shall have taken the chair, the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistakes therein may [149] be corrected by the Board

3. The President shall preserve order & decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board

4 The President shall not vote in any case unless the Board be equally divided

5 Every member previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President

6 When two or more members shall rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak

7 No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every member, chusing to speak, shall have spoken

8 No Question on a motion shall be debated or put unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded it shall be stated by the President before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing if any member desires it

9. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the board but may be withdrawn at any time before [150] decision or amendment

10 When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, unless

1 To amend it

2 To commit it

3 To postpone it to a certain day

4 For the previous question or

5 To adjourn

11. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate

12 The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question and shall be in this form "Shall the main question now be put"?

13. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote

14 A Member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate: if there be no appeal the decision of the chair shall be submitted to

15 [151] All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first

16 Upon a division in the Board the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against the question shall be entered upon the minutes, if any two members require it

17. In all divisions taken by the Board it shall be the duty of the clerk to enter on the minutes the name of the member calling for the division

18 No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, unless made at the same, or, in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent

19 All appointments of officers and standing Committees shall be made by ballot unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board

20 No member shall absent himself without permission from the President

21 The standing Committees shall be as follows

1 On applications	8 Ferries	15 Public lands & places
[152] 2d Assessments	9 Finance	16 Repairs
3 Arts & Sciences	10 Fire Department	17 Roads
4 Bellevue	11 Lamps	18 Streets
5 Canal	12 Laws	19 Sunday laws
6 Charity	13 Markets	20 Watch
7 Defence	14 Police	21 Wharves, Piers and Slips

Those on Applications, Ferries, Fire Department Lamps, Laws, Repairs, Streets, sunday laws Wharves Piers & Slips shall consist of three on Defence of seven, and the others of five

It was then moved that the Board proceed to [153] appoint the standing committees.

Which was agreed to—It was also moved that balloting be in this instance dispensed with which was agreed to and the following Standing Committees were appointed

1 Applications	2 Assessments
Aldern Coulthard	Mr Jones
" Few	" Lorillard
Mr Underhill	" Tucker
	" Tylee
	" Mann

3 Arts & Sciences
Alderⁿ Fish
" Coles
" Smith
Mr Jones
" Burtis

5 Canal
Alderⁿ Few
" Smith
" Buckmaster
Mr Tallman
" Tylee

7 Defence
Alderⁿ Fish
" Smith
" Coles
" Coulthard
" Buckmaster
" Mapes
Mr Tucker

[154] 9 Finance
Alderⁿ Lawrence
" Mapes
" Munson
Mr Tylee
" Underhill

11 Lamps
Alderⁿ McCartee
" Munson
" Coulthard

13 Markets
Alderⁿ McCartee
" Few
" Lawrence
" Coles
Mr Cooper

15 Public lands & places
Alderⁿ Coles
" Fish
" Lawrence
Mr Jones
" Burtis

18 Streets
Mr King
" Underhill
Alderⁿ Buckmaster

4 Bellevue
Aldeⁿ Fish
" Lawrence
Mr Tallman
" King
" Tucker

6 Charity
Alderⁿ Mapes
" Coles
Mr Underhill
" Mann
" Burtis

8 Ferries
Mr King
Alder Lawrence
" Mapes

10 Fire Department
Mr Tylee
" Burtis
" Underhill

12 Laws
Mr Jones
" King
Alderⁿ Smith

14 Police
Mr Jones
" King
" Cooper
Alder Coulthard
" Smith

16 Repairs
Alderⁿ Lawrence
Mr Tallman
" Cooper

17 Roads
Alder Fish
" Munson
" Coles
Mr. Lorillard
" Tallman

19 Sunday Law
Aldeⁿ Munson
" McCartee
Mr Lorillard

[155] 20 Watch
Mr King
Aldn Coulthard
" Mapes
Mr Jones
" Tucker

21 Wharves
Aldern Coulthard
" Buckmaster
Mr Tallman

The Clerk of the Common Council was directed to print the Rules and orders and the standing Committees and furnish a copy *of* [to] each member of the Board

A remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Theatre complaining of Hackney carriages standing during Play nights in the Street opposite their houses to their great annoyance was read & referred to Aldern Lawrence Aldern Mapes Mr Underhill

A Request of Wm R Thurston to be paid for ground taken to open Fair St, was read and refered to the Comptroller

A Petition of sundry Hay Boatmen praying a repeal of the ordinance prohibiting the having [156] fire on board of their vessels while lying in the Slips was read and refered to the Chief Engineer

A Request of Wm Berrian to be informed of the time when the Board will order Hudson Street to be carried through to Chamber St was read & laid on the table

Sundry Remonstrances against Vessels bringing fish to market occupying the Coentius Slip for the purpose of retailing their fish to the exclusion of the market vessels and others frequenting the slip were read & refered to the aldern & assistant of the first Ward

Petitions of Gurdon Manwaring & John Main to be appointed Weigh Masters & of William Guest to be appointed a Measurer of grain & was read & granted

Petitions of sundry Inhabitants praying that St Georges Square may be enlarged by the removal of the block of houses at the junction of Pearl & Cherry Streets, which was read & refered to the St Committee & St Comssr

[157] A Memorial from the Female assistant Society for the relief and religious instruction of sick poor women & children praying a donation from the Corporation to aid the benevolent purposes of the Institution; was read and Resolved that the sum of five hundred Dollars be granted to said Society

A Petition of Thomas Skillman for Stall No 5 Washington Market—of Henry Resse for a Butchers License and Stall—and a Petition from sundry Bu[t]chers of the Washington Market praying that the South Wing of said market may be boarded up to screen them from

the inclemency of the Winter Season were read & refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of William Schultz accompanied with a drawing of a ladder to be used in saving persons from a house on fire and requesting pecuniary aid to enable him to make a model of the same—was read and refered to the Com^e on the Fire Department

A Petition of the Proprietors of lots in Hanover Square praying that the name may be retained [158] and that in consequence of the alteration in the numbers made by the removal of the Block of Houses that the Houses may be numbered anew—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants for a market to be established between Coentius Slip and the Battery was read & refered to the market Committee

A Petition from the Hay Cartmen for an encrease in the rates of cartage was read and the consideration thereof postponed

A Petition of John Archer a minor praying license as a Cartman, was read & resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Letter was received from Mess^rs Gould Banks & Gould stating that they had furnished to the Common Council the 1^st & 2^d Vol^s of the revised Laws of the State, that a 3^d volume being now compleated, they requested to be informed if they should supply the 3^d volume also

[159] Whereupon resolved that the second Volumes be supplied to such of the members of the present Board as have not received the same, and that the 3^d volume be procured for the Members & officers of the Board and that the same be delivered to the Clerk to be distributed accordingly

A Resolution of the consistory of the reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich requesting the removal of a fire Engine House from the Church yard of said Church, was read & referred to the Committee on the fire Department

A Presentment of the Grand Jury was read stating that they consider the great prevalence of the small pox as an evil of an alarming nature, and requiring public cognizance, and they therefore request the Common Council to take such measures as they shall judge expedient to arrest the progress of the dissease. Whereupon it was referred to the Committee of laws to consider & report whether the powers of the Corporation are adequate to provide a remedy or if Legislative aid is necessary in the premises

[160] The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents upon the following assessments. Viz for opening Fair St—for opening 28th St—for paving Washington St—for regulating Goerck St—for paving Robinson St—and for paving Rivington St—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for collecting the same.

He also presented an assessment for repaving Broad way—and for paving Chapple St from 100 feet below Leonard St to Lispenard St which were confirmed

He also presented an ordinance for building a drain in Frankfort St—which was passed and Ezekiel Bishop—Thomas C Taylor & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engs Compy No 5

Robert Vanderpool No 9 Dutch St	Printer 2d Ward	vice Latham Holmes resd
John Mather 137 Read St	Coppersmith 7th Wd	vice Jaramiah Akerly Do

[161] No 19

Peter H Field 120 Hester St	Cartman 10th Ward	vice Hyer Somerndyck resigd

No 29.

Benjamin Sherwood Greenwich St.	Guilder 8th Wd	" Abm Vanmaker Do
John Vermilyea Hammon St	Blacksmith 8th Wd	" David Baker joind another Company

No 33

Robert Browne Scammel St.	Sail maker 7th Wd	" James Reynolds resgd

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Edward Meeks Ezra Ludlow	owr occpt	nuisc 34 Beaver St
J Forsyth	owr & occpt	" 105 Water St
Thomas Knox Exr & agent to Estate of Nichls Gouverneur J Reid occupant		" 99 Do "

Hugh Maxwell John G Tardy	owr occpt	nuis^{c}	108	Front
George Lorrillard Martin Fuly	owr occpt	"	90	Front
George Lorillard Isaac Hart	owr occpt	"	88	Front
[162] George Lorillard John Swartwout	owr occp^{t}	nuis^{c}	85	Water
George Lorillard A Garety	owr occp^{t}	"	87	Water
Alexander Ming	owr & ocpt	"	86	Front
M^{rs} Sullivan Cornelius Heeney Aikin & Wilcox	owr agent occp^{t}	"	82	Front St

Which were passed

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel has the honor to inform the Board the Report of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed to open 9th Avenue from Greenwich lane to the Northerly side of 28th Street—and the report of the Commissioners appointed to open 28th Street from 9th avenue to Hudsons River were severally confirmed by the supreme Court at the last term of the said Court The Commissioners have so made their estimate and assessment in these cases that no balance is left to be raised by a second assessment, nor have they assessed anything upon the Corporation for buildings

The Attorney respectfully suggests the [163] propriety of appointing a collector to collect the sums assessed, and that the St Comss^{r} be instructed to cause the said Avenue & Street to be opened as soon as he may judge expedient

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

Which was approved and ordered that the Street Commissioner carry the same into effect

Upon the report of the Attorney Penalties were remitted to Capt^{ns} Fowler—Richardson & Wade for not reporting Passengers agreably to law

The Counsel presented the following

The Attorney of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board for execution a Bond to the Rev^{d} John Stanford for $6500 payable in one year from 1st october last with Interest at 6 p^{r} Ct payable

semi annually—being for the consideration of a Lot of ground purchased from him by a special Committee appointed for that purpose, which Bond has been drawn by the Attorney in pursuance of instructions given to him by the said Committee

(Sig[d]) D S Jones

[164] which was approved and the Bond directed to be duly executed—and it was directed that the assessment of $400 assessed upon the said Lot in the assessment of expenses in opening Fair St be paid by Warrant from this Corporation it having been agreed to be a part of the consideration in the purchase of said Lot

The Counsel presented the following

The Attorney of the Corporation respectfully reports that a judgment in ejectment hath lately been obtained against certain property heretofore leased by the Board to Grove Cunningham and a writ of habere facias possessionem hath been issued upon the said judgment—And the Attorney herewith presents to the Board for execution a Letter of Attorney from the Common Council to M[r] Mercein the Comptroller, authorising him to receive possession of the premises recovered by the said judgment, for and in behalf of the Corporation.

(Sig[d]) D S Jones

Which was approved and the Letter of Attorney to the Comptroller directed to be duly executed

[165] Resolved that all former references to the survey Committee, not acted upon be refered to the Committee on public lands & places.

M[r] Jones presented the following Resolution

Resolved that a committee be appointed with power to take such measures as they may deem best calculated to obtain payment of the sum of $400,000 loaned by this corporation to the Governor of this State in the month of December 1814—which was agreed to and it was refered to the Committee of defence with a request to consider and report thereon

The Report of the Committee on the deposit of manure, was called up and made the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that it be refered to the Road Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of opening 28[th] Street so as to communicate from the North to the East River

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Mann and the subject directed to be refered [166] to the High Constable

Resolved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the unauthorized manner of driving Hackney Coaches

Mr King moved that it be refered to the Comptroller to consider and report upon the propriety of disposing of the premises lately occupied by the Watch of the 1st District situated at the corner of Wall & Broad Sts After some consideration thereof, it was postponed until the next meeting of the Board

The Counsel stated that it had been represented to him by one of the Captains of the Watch that persons had been seen playing at cards in the Inns or Taverns kept by Walter Somerville & William Codd—It was resolved that the recognizances entered into by said Somerville & Codd be delivered to the Counsel, and that he be instructed to commence prosecutions thereon

Resolved that the Board when they adjourn adjourn to meet on Wednesday the 3d day [167] of January next in the Mayors office, and that the Street Comssr be directed to carry into effect a former Resolution directing a carpet to be procured for the Mayors office, and the said office prepared for the meetings of the Common Council during the Winter season

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$46846.61
Warrants not presented	1326.91
	$45519.70

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts.

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & Tobias Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Willis & Van Dyck Do	339.50
The Widows Society by orr Comn Council Dec 4	750.00
Society for aged persons Do Do Nov 20	300.00
E Doughty for Maps & Surveys or St Comsr	227.27
R Burchan reports passrs 6 Mo 1 Novr	25.00
B Hicks 1 Mo Servs Inspors office	60.00
P Burtsell Large Maps of City for Membrs & Stationy	172.00
P Becannon Inspr Bread 1 Qr to 10 inst	94.20
W Peck for ammunition for troops 25 Novr	41.45
J W Jarvis for Portrait Genl Brown	400.00

[168] A Stillwell repairs to Pumps	47.87
J Richardson Do Wells	49.73
H Brush Do Pumps	41.69
W S Castle Do Do	35.60
J Combs Do Do	20.56
A Giles & others sundry Assts Wells & Streets	144.00
G Sneethen for payt Lamps Lighters to 11 Inst	542.14
Patent Oil Compy for Lamp oil bought by Alm McCartee	572.49
Berden Chase Do Do	701.68
Street Comsr paymt expenses opens 13th St	151.05
A Stagg for paving Rivington St	550.00
J Sprague Do Goerck "	350.00
J Bailey Do Hanover Square	600.00
C Mooney Do Elm St	800.00
Thos Scott Do Broadway	300.00
St Commissioner for Rd to McCombs Bridge pr or	490.00
J Bathgate Timber for reprs to Harlem Ck Bridge	508.00
R Smith Lessee Hell gate Ferry for his Boats pr orr Comc	180.00
J Wallace Supdt reprs to 10 Decr	225.00
Trustees of Colla College Balc due property taken for Murray St	6.665.60
John Perrott award opens Fair St	1600.00
B Howe Do Do Do	1750.00
C Wright Do Do Do	1800.00
W Burges Do Do Do	1407.00
J Bedient Do Do Do for Estate P Robbins	1294.00
[169] J Hurtell award for opens Fair St	1152.00
M Sice Do Do Do	2243.00
J Deas for J Reid & Miss Peters Do Do Do	2079.00
W Bakewell Do Do Do	3313.00
W Cameron & others Do Do Do	3000.00
R Henderson Do Do Do	2645.00
	$39458.08
Balance	$6.060.62

[170] In Common Council Jan^{y} 3^{d} 1816

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants
John B Coles	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthony L Underhill
Augustine H Lawrence	Elisha W King
Peter M^{c}Cartee	Daniel E Tylee
Thomas R Smith	Asa Mann
William Coulthard	Arthur Burtis
George Buckmaster	John H Tallman
William Few	Thomas Cooper
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

The City Inspector presented the following

The City Inspector has the honor to present to the Common Council the annual Report of Interments in this City commencing with the first day of January 1815 and ending on the 31st day of December in the same year [171] shewing also the ages of the persons and the diseases of which they died—It is with much pleasure he adds, that from the correctness of his assistant M^{r} Woodward reliance may be placed in its accuracy—and from his attention & industry he has been enabled to present the report to the Common Council at this early day

Abstract

Men	843
Women	606
Boys	543
Girls	515
	2507

(Sig^{d}) J Morton City Insp

Whereupon the said Report was directed to be published

The Chief Engineer reported—That he has completed his annual visitation throughout the fire department; and has carefully inspected every branch thereof, and herewith presents his General Return, with the names of the Engineers, the Foremen and the number of Firemen belonging to the respective Fire companies (when full) with their places of abode occupation &^{c} as well as the places of deposit of the several [172] Fire Machines

He further reports that agreably to the 22^{d} Section of the 11th

Chapter of the law for preventing and extinguishing fires; that in the course of the Year, there has been received and paid to the Treasurer of the Fire Department fund for chimney fines &c Seven hundred Seventy two $^{5}/_{100}$ Dollars and that the said sum has been appropriated for the relief of the Widows of deceased Firemen and in aiding and assisting disabled & indigent Firemen and their families & for the educating a number of their Children

(Sig^{d}) Thomas Franklin Chf Eng^{r}

Whereupon the said General Return was directed to be published

The Firemen of the City laid before the Common Council a Memorial which they intended to present to the Legislature of the State praying that a law might be enacted to exempt firemen after a service as Firemen for ten Years from all militia and jury duty and requesting the sanction of the Common Council to the said Memorial, Which was directed to be refered to the [173] Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Henry Ryer for appointment of Street Inspector, was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of a number of the Gentlemen of the Bar praying that some alterations may be made in the room for holding the Court of oyer and terminer & Sessions—was read and referred to M^{r} King Al^{dn} Few M^{r} Jones

A Petition of George B Thorpe praying remission of a fine incurred by running a Hackney carriage without having taken out a license for the same was read & granted on payment of costs

A Memorial of Ebenezer Burling proposing that certain amendments should be made to the law establishing Assistant Justices Courts in this City accompanied with a Bill intended to be presented to the Legislature for such amendment, & requesting the sanction of the Common Council to the same—were read and [174] referred to the Council of the Board

A Communication was received from Richard Maybin proposing to light the City by gas light instead of Oil and a communication of considerable length from M^{r} John Griscom, on the nature of Gas light how produced and an estimate of the expenses attending an establishment for producing & employing the same were read and referred to the lamp Committee

A Petition of Charles Guyer for a stall in the Fly Market was read & refered to the Market Committee

A Memorial of Peter Schermerhorn and Samuel A Lawrence was read stating. that in consequence of the Bridge belonging to the Wharf of the Petitioners having been taken up for the purpose of filling in the Basin belonging to the Corporation, damage had accrued to the amount of one hundred Dollars and praying payment of the same—Whereupon the same was refered to the Committee on Wharves &c & Supdt of Repairs

[175] A Petition of Mrs Cornell praying remission of a penalty recovered against her Husband for selling liquor without license was read and refered to the Committee of charity, and in the mean time it was directed that all further proceedings in the suit should be stayed

A Memorial, from the Manufacturers of silver Plate, intended to be presented to the Legislature of the state praying that a law might be enacted to regulate the standard of silver plate, was presented to the Common Council with a request that they would sanction the said application, and was directed to be refered to the Committee on Arts and sciences

A Petiton from sundry Inhabitants complaining that the pump in Suffolk Street corner of Hester St, which had been removed from the center of the Street to the side walk and the water from the well conducted to it by a leaden pipe was constantly out of order, was read and refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward & St Comssr to report an ordinance for remedying the evil complained of in the Petition

[176] The Committee on the Petition of John Edwards and a consideration of the Dog law reported That being desirous to perform the duties required of them, and having no other way to obtain the necessary information; the chairman wrote to the Register of Dogs requesting him to inform the Committee what number of Dogs were annually registered—and annually destroyed, and what is the yearly expense and revenue produced by said law—with such other information as would best enable the Committee to take a correct view of the subject. To which the Register has made no reply. Your Committee will not undertake to judge how far that officer has been guilty of neglect or contumacy—It rests with the Board to determine and also to judge how far it may be proper to continue such men in office

Without further information on the subject the Committee is incompetent to report on the merits of the said petition—If the greatest

part of the community do with impunity resist the operation of the dog law it would be unjust and oppressive to enforce the [177] penalty on John Edwards—Your Committee therefore believe it would be proper to issue the following order

Ordered that Abner Curtis Dog Register be and he is hereby required to report to this board the progress and operation of laws relative to dogs, stating distinctly the whole number of Dogs that have been annually register'd also the number of dogs that have been destroyed—And the whole amount of cash received and expended in virtue of his office and also the yearly expense of said office

(Sig^{d}) W Few
A L Underhill
A H Lawrence

Which was approved

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Eng Comp^{y} N^{o} 17

Peter Noe N^{o} 1 Pike St	Shipwright 7th Ward	vice Rufus Seeley res^{gd}

F. E. C N^{o}18.

Thomas W Jenkins 343 Pearl St	Account 4th Ward	vice Jos. Price D^{o}
John B Kirkpatrick 343 Pearl St	account 4th Ward	" John Stevens J^{r} D^{o}

[178] The Street Commissioner on the Petition of purchasors of lots in State St—reported That state St opposite the Petitioners buildings will be 52 feet wide, which would give a walk of about 12 feet—but as the walk next the Battery may be narrow he respectfully recommends that, that, on the East side may be made 14 feet wide and that the stoops be permitted to projeet 6 feet 6 Inches from the Houses—which the St Comss^{r} is convinced will answer all the purposes of the Petitioners

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} M'Comb St Comss^{r}

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner on the petition of the Inhabitants of Hanover Square reported—That having examined the subject, would respectfully recommend that the request of the Petitioners be granted

and that the Sup[dt] of repairs be instructed to alter the numbers of the houses in the North side of Pearl St between Sloat lane & William St, which will cause the numbers to be regular

(Sig[d]) Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

[179] Which was approved and the Superintendant of *of* repairs directed to number the Houses accordingly

He also presented an assessment for a Well & Pump in Broome St between Sullivan & Clark St—And for building a drain in Frankfort St from Jacob St towards Gold St—which were confirmed

The Counsel presented to the Board for execution Petitions to the Supreme Court praying for the appointment of Commissioners in the following cases, that is to say—for enlarging and improving Cliff St—for opening and extending Hudson St—and for enlarging & improving Thompson St—Which said Petitions have been drawn by the Counsel in conformity with the late resolutions of the Board directing the above mentioned improvements

(Sig[d]) D S Jones

Whereupon the Petitions were directed to be duly authenticated

The Comptroller on the Petition of W[m] R Thurston reported That he recommends that a warrant issue for the sum awarded him by the Commissioners [180] to issue for the payment of the same

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

Which was approved and a Warrant was ordered to issue therefor

He also presented the following

The Comptroller has received a Letter from A M[c]Intyre, Comptroller of the State making application for the interest due by the Corporation on a bond given for the States right to the Government House Lots viz $30000.00

The Interest for 2 Years at 6 per cent amounts to.....	3600.00
From which is to be deducted three quarters rent of the Gov[t] House received by the State after the sale to the Corporation.....	1312.50
leaving a bal[c] due the State of.....	$2287.50

for which a Warrant in favor of Archibald M[c]Intyre Esq[r] is respectfully recommended

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

Whereupon a Warrant was ordered for payment of said Balance

He also presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully presents for settlement [181] the two enclosed accounts for Furnishing the Governors Room viz

Wm A Prince for Carpeting	$706.75
D Malcolm for moreens for Curtains	357.28
	$1064.03

It will no doubt be recollected that the state made an appropriation of $1000.00 towards that object and the Common Council were to pay the remainder—The undersigned wrote to the Comptroller of the state a few days since making application for that sum—which he received by a check on the Bank of New York—the Balance yet due on the above Bills is $64.03 for which he requests a warrant may be ordered

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

Whereupon a Warrant was ordered for payment of the same

He also presented the following annual Account of the receipts and expenditures and also the account of the Commissioners of the sinking Fund

The Comptroller has the honor herewith to present a general account exhibiting the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation for one Year ending on the 31st December last, an examination [182] of which will shew the ordinary expences of the City have been disbursed from the proceeds of its accustomed Revenue and annual tax, leaving a very considerable sum received for the sale of the Battery Lots and buildings, to cancel debts contracted in previous years

The extraordinary disbursements for the Year may be stated as follows viz

The new alms House exclusive of the sum borrowed from the small change Fund	$26000.00
Expended in opening & making the Great Avenues (First & Third)	18560.43
For Bulk Heads & Piers for the better accommodation of the new Ferry, and for filling in and building Piers at Albany Basin	18000.00
Paid Mechanics Bank for Bonds for money borrowed previous to 1815	108876.36
Hamilton Sqr Lots reconveyed to Corpn	11821.37
Inclenburgh Lots Do	9638.25
Assessmt on Corpn for opening Fair St	15900.00
Amt Extra Expenses	$208796.41

The receipts into the City Treasury arising from extra sources for the same period may [183] be estimated as follows. viz

Proceeds of sales of Battery Lots	$151727.73
Amount received from the Managers of the Board of Health Lottery, on deposit until required for the purposes for which it was raised	20000.00
Amt Extra receipts	$171727.73
leaving a balance of	37068.68
over & above the sum received from extra sources	$208796.41

which has been appropriated for great and permanent improvements; the purchase of property, and cancelling debts contracted at a former period No estimate is made of the balance $46250.24 now in the Treasury, as that amount, and the sums yet to be collected for the improvement of Fair Street, will be required to pay those individuals who sustained injury for their property taken to open the same

A recurrence to former annual exhibits will shew that the disbursements for the support of the Alms House have experienced a very considerable diminution; this may, in some measure, be attributed to the present prosperous state of the Country, which, on account of the great demand for and high prices given to labourers of every description [184] renders the call for public charity less frequent than for some preceding years; but principally is to be attributed to the continued improvement in the interior œconomy of the establishment—much more productive labour than heretofore being now carried on there, thus diminishing the necessity for purchases of many articles, required for the comfort of those, who, from misfortune or improvidence depend upon that institution for support

The reduction in the expenses of lighting the City (from 25 to 15000 Dollars) is far greater than was ever anticipated, and fully demonstrates the value of the reform which has taken place in that department. That the City is not better lighted, is by no means to be attributed to a want of oil—or its too frugal use, but solely to the circumstances that oil of a good quality cannot be obtained on any terms

The stock of oil, remaining in the country at the commencement of the late war having been consumed, and little or no new supply having as yet come in, no alternative remains but to purchase that offered as a substitute [185] which is manufactured here, and is generally of a very inferior quality

The undersigned can suggest no improvement of the City revenue for the ensuing year, except the disposition of the vacant ground adjacent to the Albany Basin. The expense incurred the last year for making the new Piers and filling up the old basin, superadded to the sum that will be required for its completion, in itself enforces in some measure, the propriety of selling (at least for remuneration) the property between Greenwich & Washington Streets on the one side, and Thames & Cedar Streets on the other; the whole value may be estimated at $60000 this sum, deducting therefrom the amount that will be required for the completion of the Basin and Streets, will probably be wanted to finish the Bellevue Establishment—The only extra branch of expenditure now in contemplation for the ensuing year

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein
Comptroller

[186]

Dr Genl Acct of Receipts & Expenditures of the Corporation of the City of New York for one Year ending 31 Decr 1815 Cr

To cash pd	for the support of Alms House & City Prison	77000.00	By balance in Treasury 31st Decr 1814		11995.53
Do	new Alms House, exclusive of $40000 borrowd from small change fund	26000.00	Cash recd for balance of Tax of 1814		133314.35
Do	County contingencies	45838.60	Do	on acct of Tax of 1815	85000.00
Do	City Watch	55874.29	Do	for City's proportion of duties on auction sales	32455.85
Do	Lamps	15096.52	Do	Excise Licenses	4500.00
Do	Interest on N Y City Stock	42000.00	Do	on acct 2d avenue	400.00
Do	Repairs to public buildings &c &c	9.904.84	Do	for widens & repairs Sts more than pd out	27202.59
Do	Signal Poles	422.15	Do	received on Deposit from Managers of Board of Health Lottery until wanted	20000.00
Do	Fire Department	7195.83	Do	on acct sales Govt House Lots & buildings	151727.73
Do	Police Department	6601.47	Do	Ground rent	14430.65
Do	Canal Street	1441.87	Do	Water Lot rent	5380.98
Do	Commissioners of Streets & Roads	1000.00	Do	Common lands rent	4793.54
Do	Improving & repairing roads generally	3144.28	Do	Mayors Fees	1967.91
Do	Board of Health	950.00	Do	Street manure	6600.00
Do	Third avenue	14766.84	Do	Rent of Ferries	9577.49
Do	First Do	4193.59	Do	Tavern Licenses	6786.50
Do	Wells & Pumps	3459.59	Do	Rent of cellars under Washington Market	960.88
Do	Charitable Institutions	2316.07			
Do	Intestate Estates	262.00			
Do	Support Comn Schools in County purst act Legislature	5024.26			
Do	Hamilton Sqr Lots reconveyed to Corporation	11821.37			
Do	Inclenburgh	9638.25			
Do	Collect Lots	676.98			

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To cash pd	the State for old Qt rents due by individuals in this county to be by them reimbursed		1153.28
Do	Docks & Slips more than the rent received		1596.11
Do	Mechanic Bank for Bonds due them viz		
	1 in Nov 1813 money for gunboats	$28.054.75	
	1 " May 1814 on acct purchase Govt House	20000.00	
	1 " last year for New alms House	50000.00	
			98054.75
Do	Interest		10831.61
Do	Washington Market		214.31
Do	Balance in hands of W Fish		46250.24
			$517094.00

$517094.00

Sigd Thos R Mercein Compr

[187]

Dr — The sinking Fund, in Acct Currt with the Commissioners for the Year 1815 — Cr

To Cash paid for $4300 City Stock bot of J Haycock and 1000 of J Murray			
5300 at 100.3-4	$5339.75		
Brokerage	13.34		
		5353.09	
Do For two Defence loan Bonds of 2000 each at 104.1-4 pr ct with the Interest	4170.00		
Brokerage	10.47		
		4180.47	
Do For 7300 City Stock of Prince Ward & Sands at par	7300.00		
Brokerage	18.25		
		7318.25	
Do For 2200 do of C Smith	2200.00		
Brokerage	5.50		
		2205.50	
Do P Schermerhorn	2000.00		
Brokerage	5.00		
		2005.00	
Do A H Lawrence $3000 at par		3000.00	
		$24062.31	
To Balance due Commissioner 31 Decr 1815		$784.27	

Jacob Radcliff
A H Lawrence
Thos R Mercein
W Fish
} Commissioners of the sinking Fund

Balance on hand 31 Decr 1814	4868.95	
By Cash received for Hack Licenses	465.00	
Do Pawn Brokers "	800.00	
Do Vaults	1200.00	
Do proceeds Sale of $7000 U S Stock @ 94 pr ct	6580.00	
Do Interest on U S stock	105.00	
Do Water Lot rent previous to 1803	1128.62	
Do Market Fees	6095.22	
Do Commutation of old Quit Rents	539.75	
Do Interest on City Stock feb Quarter	244.50	
Do May Quarter	324.00	
Do August Quarter	466.50	
Do November Do	496.50	
Do Balc due Commissioners	748.27	
	$24062.31	

[188] An exhibit of the whole amount of the receipts an expenditures of the sinking Fund from its commencement to the present time viz 31st December 1815

Receipts arising from

Pawn Brokers Licenses	$2800.00
Hack Licenses	1225.00
Water Lot grants	3629.75
Market fees	14319.94
Vaults	2406.15
Interest on U S Stock previous to its sale	525.00
Do " N Y City Stock	2385.00
Profit on Sale U S. 6 pr Ct Stock	299.34
Commutation of quit rents	12386.52
	$39976.70

Invested as follows

$36100 City Stock cost	36544.50
4000 Defence Stock	4180.47
	$40724.97
	39976.70
Balance due Comssrs	$748.27

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

Whereupon the same was ordered to be printed

The Chief Engineer presented a report upon the Petition of sundry Hay Boatmen which was laid upon the table

[189) The Committee to whom the subject had been refered presented a report upon the erection of a new market on the east side of Beekman Slip—Whereupon it was refered back to the same Committee with the addition of Mr Lorillard to consider and report the expense of erecting a new & convenient market at the present scite of the Fly Market

The following report upon the settlement of the demand against Wm A Hardenbrook late Comssr of Excise was presented

The undersigned members of the former and present Finance Committee, & Comptroller to whom it was refered to ascertain the amount of debt due to the Board from Wm A Hardenbrook and to carry into effect the principle of the report of the Finance Committee which was adopted by the Board on 23d Novr last, if the amount of the said debt should in their judgment render it proper so to do. respectfully report, that Mr Hardenbrook hath rendered to the City Chamber-

lain under oath an account of his said debt by which account it appears that there is now due to the Board from him the sum of $5869.7 after deducting a sum of [190] $484.81 which was due to Mr Hardenbrook from the Committee of defence and which last sum he hath requested the Committee to pay to the Board on his account; that the amount of the said debt rendered it proper in the judgment of the Committee to carry the above mentioned report of 23d November last into effect: And that they have accordingly taken from Mr Hardenbrook and his Wife in payment and satisfaction of the said debt an absolute conveyance of the property mentioned in the said report in which conveyance Mrs Somerndyck who has a dower interest in the said property has joined—and your Committee further report that the contemplated arrangement with the persons who held mortgages upon certain parts of the property is so far completed that those persons are ready to assign their interest to the Board upon the receipt of the Corporation Bonds for the amount of their principal Interests and costs—these Bonds your Committee now present to the Board for execution that is to say.

One to Reml F Muller	for	$9349.73
One to Peter Bonnett	for	3251.33 and
One to Joseph Dederer	for	4223.84

[191] All of them bearing date this day and payable in two years with Interest at Six per cent payable half yearly

Mr Hardenbrook confidently trusts that the sale of the property will more than satisfy the debt due from him to the Board together with the above mentioned Bonds—And as the Corporation can only desire a payment of their debt and the bonds issued by them with all attendant expenses, your committee propose that Mr Hardenbrook be allowed to occupy the property (subject to the removal of the buildings &c which become necessary to open Tenth Avenue) until the sale thereof; and that he be charged for the rent thereof a sum equal to the interest of his said debt and of the above mentioned Bonds computed at Six per cent. and that the Comptroller open an account with this concern in which he shall debit against it the above mentioned debt the amount of the above mentioned bonds. the said rent and all costs and expenses attending the business together with taxes assessments and all charges against the property including the removal & repair of the House &c and give credit for the sum of $2222 awarded to Mr Hardenbrook in the opening [192] of 10th avenue and for all such Sums as shall be paid by Mr Hardenbrook on account of the said rent—And that whenever a Sale shall be made of the property if the net proceeds thereof shall exceed the amount due upon the said account

due to the Board *upon the said account,* that the surplus be given over to Mr Hardenbrook—Your Committee respectfully suggest that this arrangement is, and is to be considered as entirely disconnected with the conveyance of this property to them by Mr Hardenbrook and that the adoption thereof by the Board is not to constitute a lien or charge on the property in favor of him nor as explanatory of the said conveyance, but is to be deemed an engagement to the performance of which the faith of the Board is pledged

(Sigd) Augus H Lawrence
J Mapes
A L Underhill
Reuben Munson
D E Tylee
Thos R Mercein
} Finance Committee

Which said Report was approved and the bonds were directed to be executed and remain in the [193] hands of the Counsel as Escrows until the completion of the title to the corporation as stated in said report

A Communication was made by Aldern Coles of the proceedings of the Board of Health on the subject of the small pox—Whereupon it was refered to the Aldermen of the 1st 2d 3d 4th & 5th Wards to make the necessary arrangements on that subject—provided the expenses do not exceed the sum of $1000

Resolved that the following be a committee to examine the accounts of the Comptroller and City Treasurer Mr Lorillard Alder Smith Mr King

Mr King presented a Resolution granting to the late proprietors of ground taken to open Hudson Street the surplus earth—The consideration of which was postponed

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$50818.10
Warrants not presented	4567.86
	46250.24
received since 31st Decr 1815	12104.90
Present Balance	$58355.14

[194] Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & others	Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobs	Do	474.25
Willis & Vandyck	Do	339.50

S McCormick Park Keeper in full for Sean	163.50
M Ackerman Keepr Potters field to 1 Jany 1816	46.50
H W Peckwell St Inspr Do	52.00
C E Duncan Do Do	52.00
Wm McIntosh Do Do	52.00
J Bedient Coroner fr 4 Octr to 30 Decr	399.90
J Morton 1 Qr Salry to 3d & 10th Inst	437.50
J Tallman asst City Inspr to 1 Jany	62.00
G Sneethen Supdt Lamps to 6 Inst	496.96
Joel West for Spirits Turpentine fr Lamps	23.87
S Van Wyck property taken to Widen Fair St	28800.00
E Lincoln Do Do	670.00
R Tilford Do Do	283.00
F Tilford Do Do	502.00
J Callahan Do Do	321.00
M Korts Do Do	168.00
M Homan Do Do	50.00
Thos Scott on Act paving Broad way	342.76
A Smith repairs to Intersectns Streets	24.13
Do for acct paving Chapple St	500.00
Do Do Washington St	300.00
[195] J Meghan repairs to Intersectns Streets	24.13
Do paving Orange St	500.00
C Mooney on a/c paving Leonard St	200.00
Do Do Elm St	100.00
G Hatfield " regulating Walnut St	100.00
T & G Lovett " " Grand "	100.00
R Hamilton " paving Third "	156.00
Do " " White "	188.00
G Richards Balc due property taken fr North St	130.00
A Acker for regulating Watts St	160.97
J Bailey for paving Hanover Square	200.00
T & G Lovett Bulk Head New Ferry Brooklyn	408.75
J Richardson reprs to Wells	20.36
H Tharp for a Well & Pump in Arundle St	67.19
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.00
City Dispensary for its annual donation	500.00
Charles Dickenson prinl & Int Bond due Est J Clauson	3223.74
J Wallace Supdt Repairs	700.00
Susan Ogden for House of Industry pr ordr 9th Oct	1000.00
Female Asst Society Do 18 Dec	500.00
W R Thurston property taken to improve fair St pr order 3d Jany 1816	28572.50
T R Mercein Balc due furniture Govrs Room	64.03
A McIntyre Intst Govt House Lots	2287.50
	$80122.01

[196] In Common Council Jan^{y} 8th 1816

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

John B Coles	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorrillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anth^{y} L Underhill	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King	
Tho^{s} R Smith		Daniel E Tylee	
William Coulthard		Asa Mann	
George Buckmaster		John H Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Memorial of Jonathan Ware representing that he has invented a new mode of educating children more expeditious than that at present practised and praying the aid of the Common Council to carry his plan into execution was read and referred to the Com^{e} on Arts & Sciences

A Memorial of certain Inhabitants of Broad [197] Way and Wall St praying that the law establishing a stand for Hackney Carriages in front of Trinity Church may be altered & the Hackney Carriages removed therefrom was read & referred to Alder^{n} Munson M^{r} Burtis M^{r} King

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants of Roosevelt St. praying that said Street may be opened from Batavia lane to the East River to the width of the Street to the north of said lane and also cause a Slip to be made at the foot of said Street was read and referred to the Committee on streets & Committee on Wharves

A Petition of Jacob Tabele praying further time for payment of assessment for opening Fair Street until the middle of February next was read & refered to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner with authority to grant on payment of Interest

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Sugar loaf Street praying that the name of said Street may be changed to Franklin Street in honor of the late Benjamin Franklin was read and [198] granted, and the Superintendant of repairs was directed to take the necessary measures for changing the direction Board in the Streets

A Petition of Bertrand P Cruger in behalf of himself and others Heirs of Nicholas Cruger deceased. stating that N^{s} Cruger was in his life time possessed of a piece of ground near Hell gate—That in the year 1800. a part was taken to open a road and to build a Wharf for the purpose of establishing a Ferry at Hornes Hook—that the same has been in possesion of the public since that period and no compensation

has been made to the estate of said Cruger & praying payment for the same

Ordered that it be refered to the Comptroller & Clerk of the Com[n] Council to report a Statement of facts

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the assessment for repaving Liberty St and for paving Leonard Street —Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector to collect the same

[199] He also presented an assessment for regulating and paving Murray St from the College Wall to the Bulk Head—which was confirmed

The Counsel to whom was referred the Memorial of Ebenezer Burling proposing certain amendments to the law establishing assistant Justices Courts in the City presented a report which was read and directed to be referred to Alder[n] Smith Alder[n] Coles Alder[n] Mapes Alder[n] Few M[r] King

The Resolution presented at the last meeting by M[r] King was called up and being read was as follows

Resolved that the Proprietors of the grounds taken for opening Hudson St shall be at liberty to take away the surplus earth in the said Street reserving sufficient for filling in and *and* regulating the same the necessary quantity for which purpose shall be determined by the St Commissioner Whereupon the question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative

[200] The report of the Committee on the subject of erecting a new market near Beekman Slip in lieu of the present Fly market was called up and being read was in the words following

The Committee of Finance & Comptroller to whom was refered to report an estimate of the probable cost of a Market contemplated to be built on the Block the east side of Beekman Slip and the ways & means by which the same could be effected respectfully present the following

Estimate of the Cost

The ground & stores embraced within the block bounded by Beekman Slip, Front Street Crane Wharf and the East River may be estimated at	$100000.00
The filling in that part now covered with water & making the necessary Bulk head & Piers	50000.00
Building a Spacious Market	70000.00
Amount	$220.000.00

Construction of the Market

It is recommended that the Market be quadrangular and generally, similar to the Washington Market, excepting that it [201] consist of two stories (besides the cellars) the second story to be finished for ellegant counting Rooms. A Market thus constructed will be sufficiently large to admit of 32 cellars 76 Butchers Stalls 32 Counting Rooms, and afford many advantages to the Fish & vegetable mongers, which is now of necessity for want of room denied them and which will also give all the necessary room for the country people

Ways & means

The Committee are well aware that however prosperous & flourishing a Community may be and whatever the advantages which may appear in prospective as likely to result from great & permanent improvements they ought not to be undertaken without duly estimating the expense and the means by which it is to be defrayed—if it should be found that the advantages likely to result therefrom, are not commensurate with the cost—or that they would incur a large debt without providing the means for its own ultimate extinction & would consequently impose new taxes on the Community they ought in [202] such case to be abandoned—If however none of these difficulties present themselves every principle of political economy of duty & patriotism unite in urging all important & permanent improvements

The Committee have the fullest confidence that a spacious market on an enlarged scale and suitable to the taste, opulence & standing of the Metropolis of the Union can be erected in a manner which will incur (no permanent debt) and create no necessity for the imposition of additional taxes

They propose that the net sum ultimately to be received from the U S. on the final adjustment of the Defence Account be appropriated to this purpose and which may be estimated at say.....	$140000.00
The sum necessary for the completion of the Market would be.....	80000.00
	220000.00

It is estimated that the annual revenue arising from the Market will be as follows

32 Counting Rooms	@ $150.....	$4800
32 Cellars	@ 200.....	6400
76 Stalls	@ 150.....	11400
		$22.600

[203] or an Interest of 10 p^{r} Ct in the short period of 5 Years the sum borrowed together with the interest thereon will be paid from the revenue of the Market, after which period the entire revenue can be appropriated to the sinking fund which together with the permanent income it now has will in a few years extinguish the whole funded debt of the City

(Sig^{d}) A H Lawrence
J Mapes
A L Underhill
Dan^{l} E Tylee
} Finance Com^{e}
Tho^{s} R Mercein Comp

The Report of the Committee on the Comptrollers communication relative to the improvement of the East side of Beekman Slip of 15th Sep^{r} 1815 was also called up and read as follows The Committee &^{c} (as above) Report that they have viewed & examined the property oferesaid [&] find the Wharves and Bulkheads connected therewith in a ruinous situation and the buildings generally in a decayed state—that it will become necessary for the completion of South Street to have the Bulk Heads made and the water filled in with earth, the ensuing summer [204] and it therefore becomes of importance now to determine whether this property should be taken for public purposes or the present proprietors be directed to go on with their several improvements. The Committee do not hesitate to recommend the former, for the reasons hereinafter assigned

That the Fly market, in consequence of its confined situation, the difficulty of access thereto and want of arrangement for the proper display of articles exposed for sale has been long deemed a reproach to this City—the common Sewer, which empties into the East River passes under the Fly market and is in the warm season *season* particularly offensive and in itself forms a serious objection for a market scite

A new and spacious market, on the East side of the City has been long considered a great disederatum and has at different times occupied the attention of the Members of the Common Council—the late increase of our City, its present great and growing population, render every argument [205] heretofore urged for the erection of a new and spacious market, on the east side of the City of double force and connected with the fact that this property, which public opinion has almost universally located as a proper scite for a market, can now be obtained on terms far less disadvantageous than at any future period, ought in the opinion of your Committee to operate with great

force in determining the Common Council to seize the present as the most favorable time for this great public improvement The Committee are not unmindful, that a subject of this magnitude is calculated to excite much interest, particularly as those persons interested in the property adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Fly market, may deem themselves injured by a deterioration of their property in consequence of the removal of the market. The Committee feel a perfect confidence that no such deterioration will take place—the great demand for stores in that vicinity its central situation its great width and spacious accommodation for dry good & importing merchants auctioneers &c &c will rather tend to enhance [206] than decrease the value of the stores in that situation

The Committee deem it a work of superarogation to enter into any argument to prove that the place proposed, is a fit and proper scite for a Market. this fact is universally admitted—Under all circumstances they respectfully recommend that the Block east side of Beekman Slip to Crane Wharf between Front Street and the River be appropriated for a scite for a new market—That the Counsel of the Board be directed to adopt the necessary measures for taking that Property in conformity with the act of the Legislature for such purpose—that a special Committee be appointed to digest and report a Plan for said Market—an estimate of the whole expense and the ways and means to effect its accomplishment

(Sigd) J Mapes
Thos R Smith

Aldern Lawrence from the Committee on the estimate &c made a verbal report stating that the Committee had examined the subject and did not see cause to [207] alter their report

Mr Lorillard moved as an amendment the following Resolution —Resolved that it is inexpedient to remove the Fly market

Which passed in the negative

The Question being then taken on the report of the Committee— and a division being called by Aldern Smith it was carried in the affirmative—The Members voting as follows

Affirmative

Aldern Mapes—Lawrence—McCartee—Smith—Coulthard—Buckmaster—Messrs Jones Underhill—King. Tylee—Burtis—Tallman—12

Negative

Aldern Coles—Munson—Messrs Lorillard—Mann—Cooper—5

It was then Resolved that it be referred to the Counsel to pursue the necessary legal measures for obtaining a title to the ground necessary for the scite of the proposed Market either by petition to the Justices of the supreme Court, or by Memorial to the Legislature as he shall judge proper

The Report of the Committee on the subject [208] of the deposit of manure made on the 20th November last, was now called up and being read was as follows

The Committee to whom the subject of Manure was refered report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion that no manure ought to be deposited in any part of the City of New York Your Committee would suggest for the consideration of the Board, that in their opinion places might be assigned where Boats might come and take it away as fast as collected; and Wharves be allotted on the East and North Rivers; for that purpose and that the public as well as private Contractors be obligated to remove all manure to those places hereafter to be assigned, except such as is to be used immediately for cultivating Gardens &c on this Island, as they collect it and put it on board of Boats which shall carry it off immediately; Your Committee believe that if some such plan was adopted it would remove all those difficulties which have been a subject of so much complaint, Your Committee think if any thing is done on the suggestion of this report [209] now is the time as it will soon be time to make the contract for Street manure

Sigd Arthur Burtis
Noah Brown
Wm A Hardenbrook
Wm Few.

Which was agreed to, and it was refered to the following Committee to report a Plan for carrying the same into effect viz Aldern Munson Aldern Few Mr Cooper Mr Tallman Mr Burtis

[210] In Common Council Jan^{y} 15 1816

present T[he] Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
John B Coles	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence	Daniel E Tylee
Peter M^{c}Cartee	Asa Mann
William Coulthard	Arthur Burtis
George Buckmaster	John H Tallman
William Few	Thomas Cooper
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng^{n} Comp N^{o} 16

Anthony L Missillier, Cab^{nt} Maker 90 Nassau 4th W^{d} vice John Vreeland res^{gd}

N^{o} 25

Godfrey C Butler, Hatter N^{o} 1 Chesnut St 4th W^{d} vice A V Barton Expelled

[211] Thomas M^{c}Guire Cordwainer 406 B^{d} Way 6th W^{d} vice John Corgan resigned

A Recommendation of the Fire Wardens of the Second Ward recommending the appointment of John R Willis as Fire Warden of that Ward in place of John DePeyster removed from the Ward, was read and John R Willis was appointed Fire Warden of said Ward

A Petition of Nicholas Sanderson for further time, till the middle of March next for payment of assessment for opening Fair Street, was read and granted on payment of Interest, until paid

A Petition of Jacob Odell praying to be permitted to cut down trees upon his own ground taken to open 3^{d} Avenue, was read and refered to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer

A Petition of James Caldwell complaining of an undue assessment of personal tax and praying relief—was read and ordered, that [212] Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Jacob Parsells and Joseph Horn Jun^{r} for appointment of Captain of City Watch of 3^{d} District in place of George W Willis deceased, were read and refered to the Watch Com^{e}

The Street Commissioner on the Petition for opening Lombardy St presented a Report which was read & laid upon the Table for consideration

A Petition of James Smith for charity was read & ordered Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Report was received from Abner Curtis Register of Dogs stating the receipts & expenditures of that Department for several years past which was directed to be refered together with a consideration of the whole subject to the former Committee, with the addition of Alder^{n} Coles and M^{r} Lorillard Committee Alder^{n} Few—Lawrence—Coles. Mess^{rs} Underhill—Lorillard and the Counsel of the Board

[213) The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was refered the Petition of the Firemen of the City presented a report, which was read and the consideration thereof postponed

A Communication from the Superintendant of Repairs, was read recommending the establishment of a Pump makers and Blacksmiths Shop on account of the Corporation to make the necessary repairs to the Pumps Docks &^{c} belonging to the Corporation the consideration of which was postponed

On motion of Alder^{n} Coles the Committee on the Petition of the Silver Smiths was discharged from the further consideration of the same, and upon like motion

Resolved as the sense of the Common Council that it will be of great public convenience and benefit that the Legislature provide by law an assay office to be established in this City

The Comptroller on the Petition of Leonard Fisher and M^{r} Faesch presented a report which was read and directed to be referred to the Counsel

[214] Resolved that the sum of three hundred Dollars be presented to the Rev^{d} John Stanford for his zeal in administering to the spiritual wants of the poor and afflicted in the Alms House Goal—and City Prison

M^{r} Lorillard presented the following

Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorized to sell so much of the stock of the U S. belonging to this Board as will discharge the Bonds due from this Board to Individuals on account of the loan commonly called the Million loan—provided the stock shall not be sold at a rate less than 93. per cent.

Which having been read in blank as to the rate at which the stock should be sold, it was moved to insert 95 per cent—a Division having been called it passed in the negative as follows

Negative

Alder^{n} Coles—Mapes. Lawrence M^{c}Cartee Coulthard—Mess^{rs} Jones—Lorillard—Tylee Tallman

Affirmative

Alder[n] Munson—Buckmaster—Few—Mess[rs] Burtis—Mann—Cooper

[215] The blank was then filled with ninety three and agreed to

The Comptroller stated that the New York Bank & Union Bank had called on him for payment of the Interest on $300000 loaned to the Corporation in December 1814 Whereupon Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorized to sell under the limitation aforesaid so much of the six per cent Stock of the U. S. held by the Corporation not pledged for the million loan as will be sufficient to pay the Interest upon the loan of $400000 in Dec[r] 1814

Resolved that the Committee of Charity be authorized to erect a Stove in the Debtors Goal and to cause the same to be supplied with fuel

The Report of the Committee of Charity of the 4[th] December was called up and read, (as foll[ws])

The Committee of Charity taking under consideration the peculiar situation of the afflicted poor of Wards who during the inclemency of winter by [216] sickness or other misfortunes suffer for want of the common necessaries of life whose claim on the public for relief is founded on absolute necessity therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Sup[dt] of the Alms House and the Alderman & Assistants of the said Wards be authorized to appoint a suitable person in each Ward to superintend and assist such poor persons with such articles as their necessities may require under the direction of the Alderman & assistant of each Ward, and it shall be the duty of such person or Superintendent to make a correct journal of every fact and incident relative to his office to state the place of residence of those he relieves the number of persons of which the family consists—the cause of their wants and the articles delivered to each of them—and deliver a correct account of his transactions on oath to the Alderman and assistant of his Ward on the first Monday of every month whose duty it shall be to examine the same and also [217] to visit the persons whom the Superintendent has relieved and certify that the said act and statements are just and true, which shall be received by the Superintendent of the Alms House as a sufficient voucher. That the Superintendent of the Alms House be directed to pay to the order of the Aldermen of said Wards the sum of and loads of wood at such times and in such proportion to each Ward as the said Superintendent and aldermen may think most proper

That the Superintendent of each Ward be allowed a Sum not exceeding for his compensation to be fixed and agreed on by the said Superintendent of the Alms House and the Alderman & Assistant of each Ward

(Sig[d]) Asa Mann
Arthur Burtis
Noah Brown

Whereupon Resolved that the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars be appropriated and placed in the hands of the Superintendent of the Alms House to be by him distributed for the relief of the necessitous of the out door poor and that he be authorized to employ such agents for the distribution as he shall find necessary

[218] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$56685.87
Warrants not presented	32505.36
	$24180.51

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & others Do	621.25
Vandyck " Do Do	339.50
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	474.25
Do for sundries for Watch by or[r] Watch Com	82.87
P Aymar 1 Q[r] Sal[ry] to 5 Dec[r]	200.00
S Marks Printing to 2[d] Jan[y]	220.25
B Hicks 1 Mo Sal[ry] to 15 Do	62.00
J Slidell for Peace officers 25 Nov[r]	12.00
T Shaw Car[s] hire	16.00
B Skaats pay for 2 Boxes Candles	22.75
J Shaw Wine 25 Nov[r]	130.37
Gould Banks & Gould Laws of State for Members of Com[n] Council	202.50
N McKinnon property taken Fair St	3638.82
W[m] Stilwell & others mak[g] sundry ass[ts] 1815	863.64
A Smyth a/c paving Anthony St	100.00
Do Do Chapple "	200.00
H Smith Do Anthony "	100.00
Tho[s] Scott Do Bd Way	500.00
[219] C Mooney on a/c paving Pearl St	100.00
J Spragg regulating Goerck St	500.00
C Mooney Do Leonard St	150.00
J Meghan repaving Liberty St	101.50
T & G Lovett regulating Division St	697.50
S Ludlam Surveys. profiles & Maps for St Commissioner during year 1815	1028.03

J Radcliff—Mayor 1 Qr to 18th	1750.00
Trustees Methodist Church award property taken for opens 2d avenue	191.26
M Reid Well & Pump. Pump St	63.02
Do Do Do	63.76
Thos Smyth iron work City prison	27.00
T & G Lovett repairs to Battery	97.95
Palmer & Hamilton Lamp oil	4454.34
Saml Jenkins for a Hoes pr or Fire Depmt	46.18
T & G Lovett repairs to Battery	97.95
R Furman Alms House & Bridewell	4000.00
	$23749.45
	$430.06

[220] In Common Council Jany 29th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King	
William Coulthard		Daniel E Tylee	
Thomas R Smith		Thomas Cooper	
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis	
Augustine H Lawrence		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		John H Tallman	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Letter of thanks from the N Y Female assistance Society for the donation from the Common Council—was presented and read

A Recommendation in behalf of Isaac Odell for appointment as assistant to Capn of City Watch was read & refered to the Watch Committee

[221] A Communication of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia on the subject of lighting the public lamps of the City with Gaz light, was read—and Resolved that His Honor make a suitable reply to the communication of the Common Council, and that the subject be referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences & Lamp Committee

A Petition of Thomas Foote of the City Dyer—praying permission to construct a lateral sewer from his House corner of Chamber & Chapple St to the main Sewer to discharge the dye stuff free from the Street was read & refered to the St Commissioner with authority to allow Petitioner to construct the drain at his own expense

A Petition was also presented from the Inhabitants of the 5th Ward complaining of dyers throwing dye stuff into the Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from the measurers of grain praying an increase of compensation was read—the report of the Committee on that subject presented on 6th Novr—was called up and read [222] as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry measure[r]s of grain praying the fees now allowed them by law be encreased

Report that they have had the subject under consideration and are satisfied that the fees now allowed by law to the measurers of grain is too small, the rate was established years ago, when the expense of living and every kind of labour much lower than at present Your Committee therefore recommend that fees to the several measures of grain in this City be encreased from seventy five to one Dollar on every hundred Bushels

(Sigd) G Buckmaster
E W King
J Mapes

Whereupon Resolved that the Report of the Committee be agreed to and the Counsel was directed to report an amendment to the Ordinance agreably thereto

A Remonstrance of a number of Inhabitants adjoining the Albany Basin against a proposal which they understand has been made of laying out into Building Lots and [223] selling the square on the west side of Greenwich Street opposite the Albany Basin was read and referred to the Counsel and Comptroller, to report

A Memorial of Benjamin E Smith complaining of an excessive assessment of state Tax was read & ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition to open a Street from the intersection of North and Cannon Streets to Stuyvesant St was read and refered to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition of James Vincent for purchase of a Lot near the Collect, was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Communication was received from the Governors of the N York Hospital stating the great increase of venerial Patients and enquiring if some method may not be adopted to prevent the spreading of that disease and advice as to the measure of admitting patients of that description in the present crowded state of the Hospital—Which was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

[224] A Representation of the Rev^{d} J J Cook in behalf of Sarah Jackson was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Memorial was received from John Hibbert stating that in May 1806 the Corporation leased to him for 21 Years lot N^{o} 55 Chatham St that he with the consent of the Board assigned the residue to Michael Cashman—that Cashman afterwards surrendered the lease and obtained a new lease for the whole from the Corporation and threatens to eject Vosburgh, and praying relief—Ordered to be referred to the Counsel & Comptroller

A Memorial of William R Thurston praying to be allowed Interest on the sum assessed to him for ground taken to open Fair St, Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller with authority to settle the same in such way as the facts, in his opinion Warrant

A Complaint of Robert Ferguson a Cartman against John King a Butcher for not paying him for carting his winters Fuel—was read and referred to the Market Committee

[225] The Committee on the Petition for opening Water Street reported That in their opinion the prayers of the Petitioners should be granted and recommend that Water Street be regulated from Catharine St to Pike St, and that said Water St be continued to Rutgers St—which being done will be a great convenience to persons resident in that part of the City and the public generally

(Signed) G Buckmaster
Asa Mann

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to bring in an ordinance—to be approved of at the next meeting of the Board agreable to the above report and that the said ordinance be carried into effect as soon as the ensuing Season will admit

Which was approved and the St Commiss^{r} was ordered to report an ordinance for carrying the same into effect

The Watch Committee Reported. That they beg leave to inform the Common Council that two vacancies in the office of Captain of the City Watch have been occasioned by death of Captains Brown and Willis of the 2^{d} & 4th [226] Districts, and the Committee respectfully recommend the following persons to fill those vacancies viz

Silas Tobias Cap^{tn} 2^{d} District
Ebenezer Chichester ass^{t} D^{o}
William M^{c}Laughlin Capt^{n} 4 District
Mess^{rs} Tobias & M^{c}Laughlin are now Foremen of those Districts

respectively. The Committee are not at present prepared to recommend a suitable person for the office of assistant of the 4th District

(Sigd) E W King
Gideon Tucker
William Coulthard

Which was approved and the persons therein named were appointed to said offices

The Comptroller & Clerk of the Common Council to whom the Petition of Bertram P Cruger was referred presented a statement of facts which report, was referred to the Counsel & St Commissr

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the memorial against the stand for Hack Carriages at Trinity Church presented a report, which was read and referred back [227] to the same Committee for further consideration

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the deposit of manure reported

That they are still of opinion that the deposit of large quantities of manure in and about the City is not only extremely offensive but injurious to the health of the Citizens

They would therefore recommend the following regulations respecting that article viz

That the public contractors as well as private dealers, provide Boats or vessels to receive and remove all manure as it shall be collected (except so much as may be required for the cultivation of Gardens, or Farms, on this Island and which shall not be deposited but on such garden or Farm) that the private dealers have the following places assigned them for loading their Boats, viz, the westerly side of the West Pier at White Hall Slip—at any Wharf or pier on the North River above Jay Street

That the public Contractors have two places assigned them for the temporary deposit of Street manure only, and that they do not at any one time have more than 200 loads [228] at either of those places, and that subject at all times to the order of the City Inspector to be removed immediately under the penalty of Dollars

And that the Attorney of the Board be instructed to draft an ordinance in conformity thereto

(Sigd) Reuben Munson
Arthur Burtis
Nicholas Fish
John H Tallman
Thomas Cooper

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to report an ordinance agreably thereto

The Report of the St Commissioner upon opening Lombardy St was called up & read as follows

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of sundry owners of property in Lombardy St praying that the said Street may be opened from Clinton St to the East River—Having duly considered the subject is of opinion that it will add much to the benefit of the Owners of Lots thereon as well as facility of communication [229] to that part of the City, to have that Street opened but as part of the grounds required have not been ceded by the proprietors—he would respectfully recommend that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take legal measures to carry the subject into effect—as two thirds of the proprietors have signed the application

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb. St Comss^{r}

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to take the necessary legal measures for carrying the same into effect

Alderman Coles from the Committee appointed to carry into effect the proposed regulations of the Board of Health to prevent the spreading of the small Pox presented the following

The proceedings of the Board of Health in relation to the alarming mortality occasioned by the small pox in this City, being laid before the Common Council, together with the measures proposed for checking its progress, by extending the benefits of vaccination at the public expense, to all such persons as choose to avail themselves thereof—From which it appears. That the Trustees of the City Dispensary, have heretofore divided the City into six districts, and appointed one [230] skilful Physician to attend such poor in each District as may become the object of their medical attention, and their apothecary has, during a few hours in each day, vaccinated such persons as presented themselves for that purpose, at the dispensary at the corner of Broadway and Chamber St, and the Board of Health has now made an arrangement with the Trustees subject to the approbation of the Common Council, that for the consideration of $1000 to be paid to the Trustees, their said Physicians together with their apothecary and such other assistance as may be required will vaccinate during one Year commencing the first day of the present month, either at their dispensary, or at such places within the districts as may be required, all persons applying for that purpose, and will from time to time take all the necessary measures to secure the successful effect thereof

Therefore Resolved, that the Common Council approve of the arrangement made with the dispensary, and that the Comptroller issue his Warrant upon the Treasurer in favor of the said Trustees for the one thousand [231] Dollars in quarter yearly payments

(Sig^{d}) John B Coles Chairman

Which was approved and a Warrant ordered to issue agreably thereto

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board for execution an agreement between the Corporation and Charles Smith and Wife relative to the surrender or release of the right of M^{rs} Smyth as executrix of the will of Jacob Wilkins in and to the Wharfage from the north side of Wilkins Pier Which surrender or release has been drawn conformably to the report of the Comptroller on that subject and in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board confirming said Report

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones.

Which was approved and directed to [be] duly executed

He also presented a report on the subject of the Petition of Leonard Fisher & M^{rs} Fasch upon the reference to him, of a Report of the Comptroller the Report of the Comptroller was as follows

The Comptroller to whom was referred the [232] petitions of Leonard Fisher and M^{rs} Fasch praying a renewal of the lease for premises now occupied by them respectively and which lease expires on the first day of May next respectfully reports. That all the property prayed for was about 42 years since leased by the Corporation to a M^{r} Smith—that some time afterwards he assigned a part of a Lot to J Thompson, who again assigned to M^{rs} Fasch and during the Revolutionary war he assigned the remainder to M^{r} Leonard Fisher together with all his right title and interest of the whole as derived from the Corporation. M^{r} Fisher now prays for a renewal of the whole to him inasmuch as M^{r} Smith had assigned to him all his interest therein, as he holds the original Corporation Lease and has always paid the whole ground rent. M^{rs} Fasch being considered as a subtenant and paying to him her proportion of the rent—On the other hand M^{rs} Fasch prays for a renewal of the lease of the ground on which her house now stands independent of M^{r} Fisher, and states that she has equal rights. On a part of this property M^{r} Fisher has erected a good house and store the remainder of the buildings are very old [233] and in a state of decay and are so divided as to forbid a handsome im-

provement if leased out as they now are. Mr Fisher proposes to take a lease of the whole on such terms as the Common Council shall determine—to grant to Mrs Fasch (on the same terms) a lease for 7 or 10 years, by which time it is presumed the buildings will be decayed, and then obligate himself to build on the whole ground two good brick Houses

It remains with the Common Council to determine—whether a new lease shall be granted for these premises—for what period—and on what terms

Whether the whole shall be granted to Mr Fisher, subject to the conditions before mentioned—or whether it shall be leased as it now stands to Mr Fisher & Mrs Fasch—the great objection to the latter is —that it will prevent a future handsome improvement of the Lots

The period having nearly arrived when it becomes necessary for Tenants to make their arrangements for the ensuing year urges a speedy determination as regards this property

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

[234] The report of the Counsel was as follows

The Consel of the Corporation to whom was referred the annexed report of the Comptroller in relation to the Petitions of Leonard Fisher & Mrs Fasch, presumes that the said reference was made to him under an idea that some question of law would arise under the original lease to Mr Smith and the different assignments thereof. But upon an examination of that lease the Counsel finds that there is no clause of renewal nor any covenant which presents any question whatever as to the legal rights of the Corporation—it is, so far as relates to right, the simple case of a Lease which is about to expire and where the Landlord has the right to make such disposition of the property as may be judged proper—Under the standing regulations of the Board, the only manner in which the property of the Corporation is disposed of, is by public auction; and doubtless this course would have been recommended by the Comptroller but for the consideration that the present holders of the lease or one of them has made valuable improvements upon the property under [235] an impression that the lease would be renewed And on the whole perhaps in the present case the usual rule should be dispensed with, and Leases granted on such terms as the Finance Committee and Comptroller shall judge reasonable

(Sigd) D S Jones

Upon the question of agreeing to the report it passed in the negative, and it was resolved that the Lots be leased for 21 years by the

Comptroller at public auction on the 9th of February next, and that the buildings be appraised and paid for by the Purchasors for the benefit of the present Lessees The Comptroller was authorized to appoint an appraiser on the part of the Corporation

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Board that the Commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court, in the following cases—viz

1. On the opening of Eighth Avenue. 2d on the opening and extending of Hudson Street from (near) Laight Street to Spring Street 3d on enlarging and improving Chapple Street [236] and 4th on opening and extending Elizabeth Street to Bleecker Street, made report of their Estimates & assessments in those several cases to the Supreme Court at the late term of the said Court, and that the said reports were confirmed on the 12th January instant—The lands & premises required for these different improvements are now vested in the Corporation for the purpose and measures may be taken by the proper officer to carry the improvements into effect as soon as it may be judged expedient No portion of the value of buildings has been assessed upon the Corporation except in the case of eighth Avenue, in which case the Commissioners have assessed $3500 to be paid by the Corporation—The Commissioners not having assessed as large a sum in any of these cases for benefits as they have awarded for damages, the balance together with the expenses of the proceedings is to be raised by assessors to be appointed by this Board; for the appointment of which assessors the counsel respectfully presents herewith the necessary ordinances and for the reasons heretofore assigned [237] recommends the same persons for assessors who have acted as Commissioners in the respective cases; except that in the case of eighth Avenue he recommends Mr Daniel J Ebbets in the place of Edward W Laight Esqr who is now absent from the City

The Counsel further informs the Board that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment in the case of Tenth Avenue was confirmed by the Supreme Court at the last October term, with an understanding however that Mr Hardenbrook should assign to Remb F Muller an award made to the said Hardenbrook—that matter being now arranged the proceeding is complete, and immediate measures may be taken to carry the improvement into effect In that case the Commissioners raised by their assessment for benefits a sum equal to the award of damages and to the expenses, and without

assessing any thing upon the Corporation for buildings, of course no appointment of assessors by the Board is necessary

As large Sums will shortly become payable for the awards in these various cases the collection of the different assessments for the [238] benefits ought to be forthwith commenced

(Signed) D S Jones

which was approved and the ordinances mentioned in the report were passed

He also presented the Draught of a Memorial to the Legislature and corresponding Bill relative to the ground at Beekman Slip to be taken for a market place which were approved and directed to be engroced and transmitted under the Corporate Seal to the Legislature

The report of the Committee on the Fire Department on the petition of the Firemen which was laid on the Table at the last meeting. was called up and was by consent withdrawn and Mr Tylee from said Committee reported that the Bill now proposed by the Firemen of the City to be presented to the Legislature and to which they begged the sanction of the Board proposed that after the following periods of service Firemen in the City should be exempted thereafter from all jury duty and from militia duty except when called into actual service viz all who shall be Firemen [239] on the 1st day of may next and shall have served as such twenty years to serve one year—who have served fifteen years to serve three years—who have served twelve to serve four—who have served ten to serve five—who have served eight to serve six who have served six to serve seven who have served four to serve eight—who have served two to serve nine—and who shall become Firemen after the 1st May to serve ten years

Whereupon it was Resolved—Aldern Coles & Mr Lorillard dissenting—That the said application of the Firemen to the Legislature meets the approbation of this Common Council And understanding also that the said Firemen mean to apply for a continuance of their charter—Resolved that the Common Council do approve of the same

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Lorillard

Resolved that the Street Commissioner report the means to afford relief for damages sustained by owners and occupants of Lots by pitching, raising, reducing, and regulating Streets in this City

Which was referred to the Street Commissoner.

[240] The following Resolution was presented by Mr King and agreed to

Resolved that a census of the Inhabitants of this City be taken

and an accurate list of Jurors qualified to serve in the different Courts—and that the Recorder, Alder^{n} Lawrence and M^{r} King be a Committee to carry the same into effect

Resolved that the Counsel report to the Board such Laws as he thinks are necessary to be applied for to the Legislature at their present Session

Resolved that the Committee on the Petition of Jonathan Ware be authorized to hire for his use a School Room for the space of three months provided he cannot be accomodated in one of the buildings owned by the Corporation

Resolved that the Lot & premises at the corner of Wall & Broad Sts lately occupied as a Watch House be sold at auction on the 9th of February next under the direction of the Comptroller and that the Street Commissioner [241] make a survey and Map of the said ground

The Finance Committee presented the follow^{g}

The Finance Committee in obedience to the orders of the Common Council, beg leave to inform the Board that they have paid to the following Banks & Company a years Interest on the following Bonds

The Union Bank Bond of.....	$200000	@ 7 p^{r}	$14000
" Bank of N York.....	100000		7000
" Merchants Bank	50000		3500
" Manufact^{g} Comp^{y}	50000		3500
	$400000		$28000

(Sig^{d}) A H Lawrence Chairman

Which was approved

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Comp^{y} N^{o} 1

John Edgar. Cabinet maker N^{o} 3 Harrison St 5 W^{d} vice James Sterling resigned

Floating Eng^{n} Comp^{y}

Charles Shamburgh, Cooper 195 Cherry St 7th W^{d} vice David Harris resig^{d}

Abraham Fordham D^{o} 102 D^{o} 4th W^{d} vice Joseph N Lord resig^{d}

[242] William D Murphy Sailmaker 365 Pearl St 4th W^{d} vice Elijah Guyon resig^{d}

William L Masherry, Grocer, Dower & Bowery 6th W^{d} vice John Rice resig^{d}

Fire Engn Compy No 27

John Lorton Stone Cutter Greenwich St 8th Wd vice James Lowree resigd

Fire Engn Compy No 39

John J Hebbard, Silver Smith Dey St 3d Ward vice Verdine D Elsworth Resigd

John D Stewart, Book binder Sugar loaf St 6th Wd vice R C Willis gone to Europe

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$55550.53
Warrants not Presented	31148.53
	$24402.00

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following account

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & others Do	621.25
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Vandyck & others Do	339.50
J Macomb St Comssr 1 Qr to 1 Feby next	500.00
D S Jones Counsel of Board 1 Year ends 20 Jany	500.00
T R Mercein Compr 1 Qr to 1 Feby	500.00
[243] A Woodward asst City Inspr 1 Qr to 1 Feby	250.00
J Tallman Do 1 Mo Do	62.00
D S Jones Atty to Corpn fr Aug 1815 to 20 Jany 1816 balc	148.51
W M Summers Inspr Bread to 8th Jany	96.10
Prior & Dunning Assmt Books for Tax 1815 & Sundries for Comssrs office	60.87
S Ludlam for surveys &c by ordr atty	29.75
Wm McIntosh St Inspr 1 Mo, to 1 Feby	54.00
C E Duncan Do Do Do	54.00
H W Peckwell Do Do Do	54.00
G Sneethen Supdt Lamps to 5 Feby next	519.97
G Hatfield on acct paving Grand St	100.00
A Smyth Do Do Washington St	193.95
Do Do of side walks in Bd Way	600.00
Do Do paving Chaple St	500.00
C Mooney Do Do Leonard St	500.00
Do Do Do Robinson St	380.32
Do Do Do Elm St	200.00
J Bailey paving Intersectns Streets	115.17
Do Do Hanover Square	246.78
Do Do Oak St	62.30
J Meghan Do Rynder St	200.00
T & G Lovett reprs to dock foot Liberty St Corpn propn	210.32

R Moran on acct paving Murray St	200.00
G Bowman Do Drain Frankfort St	100.00
Thos Smyth work by orr St Comssr	14.15
[244] T & G Lovett for sundrs for Sts pr orr St Comssrs	58.87
L Ford for award ground to widen Fair St	190.00
Washgn Insurce Co awd to H Robinson Do Do	1340.00
Do Do T Foote Do Murray	3022.25
Zeno Weeks Do ground taken for 125 St	1530.00
W Brady on a/c 3d avenue	120.00
J Richardson reprs to Wells	39.62
J Combs Do Do	26.06
H Brush Do Pumps	50.37
T & G Lovett reprs to Ferry Stairs Cath Slip	186.29
A Berback Chain for Do orr Comc	108.87
W A Hardenbrook for Posts & rails in 1815 for Fence to Inclenburgh Lots	34.78
E W King Int to 1 Feby on a Hamilton Square Bond due R Bogardus	229.32
Robt Lenox for prinl & Int on a Hamilton Square Bond due to Wm Ross	1609.87
J Randall on a/c his Contract setting Monuments	500.00
J Wallace Supdt repairs	750.00
Commissioners of Comn Schools for the proporn of Taxes due by County of N Y for 1815	5024.26
	$23424.50
	$977.50

[245] In Common Council Febr 12th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Anthony L Underhill	
Augustine H Lawrence		Elisha W King	
Peter McCartee		Gideon Tucker	
Thomas R Smith		Daniel E Tylee	
William Coulthard		Arthur Burtis	
George Buckmaster		John J Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of J Conrey for permission to erect Vaults in White Street fronting Lots before which he is about to build, was read and Ordered that the same be granted upon the usual terms & referred to the St Comssr

An application of D S Dodge & others executors of Dugald Mc-Kenzie for permission to transfer [246] the Lease of Lot N° 22 Peck Slip Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller to report

A Letter from the Committee of the Citizens on the subject of erecting a Tellegraph stating that they were prepared to act in the premises was read and referred to Alderⁿ Coles—Smith & Mr Underhill

A notice from Nathaniel Weed and N & S Weed stating that the unexpired term of a surrender or lease of a Wharf & property at the foot of Courtlandt Street between Charles Smyth and Ann his Wife (which said Ann is Executrix of Jacob Wilkins decsd) of the first part and the Mayor Alderⁿ &c of the second part dated 1 Janʸ 1816 has been assigned to them and prohibiting the *the* payment of any money to said Smyth and Wife, was read and referred to the Counsel and Comptroller

A Petition of Peter Duffie for appointment to an office was read and referred to the Committee of Applications

[247] A Complaint of Inhabitants in vicinity of Rivington St complaining of the deposit of manure was read

A Petition of Peter Vogle for remission of fine under the Street Law was read and granted on payment of costs

A Petition of J R Murray for remission of penalty for not filling in a Lot was read and granted on payment of Costs

A Committee from the Citizens appointed to prefer a Memorial to the Legislature praying the construction of a Canal to unite the waters of Lake Erie and the tide waters of the Hudson River and requesting the sanction and the aid of the Common Council was read and referred to the following Committee to consider and report—committee Alderⁿ Coles Alderⁿ Mapes Alderⁿ Smith Mr Lorillard Mr Tucker

A Memorial of certain Inhabitants suggesting [248] the propriety of an application to the Legislature for an encrease of rate of Wharfage was read and referred to Alderⁿ Coles Alderⁿ Munson Alderⁿ McCartee & the St Commissioner

A recommendation in favor of James Sinclair to be appointed a measurer of grain &c was read and granted

A Petition of Martin Lebewar complaining of an improper assessment of Tax was read and laid on the table

A Petition that Hague St may be widened, was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance against removing the Hackney Carriages from

the stand a[t] Trinity Church to Broad St was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject

A Petition of Lynch and Clark for a Lot of ground in the vicinity of the Hall to erect thereon a shop for sale of soda water was read and laid on the Table

[249] The Comptroller on the Petition of William R Thurston—Reported—That the facts warrant the payment of Interest on the sum of $28572 from four months after the confirmation of the award viz Decr 7th 1815 until the issuing of the warrant for the payment of the same on the 3d of January—which amounts to $149

Should the Common Council decide in favor of paying this sum it might be also proper to embrace the case of Mr S Van Wyck whose claim is in all respects precisely similar

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein

Which was approved and Warrant ordered to issue accordingly

The Comptroller represented to the Common Council, That the leases of the Cellars under Washington Market expires on the first day of May next and it therefore becomes necessary now to decide upon the manner of disposing of them thereafter Heretofore the Cellars have been let from year to year, under an idea that their real value had not been established

The undersigned is decidedly of opinion that the present time is very propitious for making a lease for a number of years & therefore [250] respectfully recommends that the lease of all the Cellars under Washington Market together with the one under Duane Street Market, be disposed of at Public auction for five years from the First day of May next the purchaser to keep them in repair rent payable quarterly or semi annually

The Leases of the Hay Scales als[o] expires on the first day of May next, it therefore becomes necessary to determine in what manner they are to be disposed of whether at public sale or otherwise

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein City Compr

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller lease at auction for the term of five years the cellars under said Markets from the first of May next—The disposal of the Hay scales was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to lease the same

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully informs the *the* Common Council that the period has arrived when it becomes proper to determine on the manner and conditions on which the Street manure shall be disposed of

the [251] ensuing year. It is a matter worthy of consideration whether the increasing extent of our City may not render it proper to divide it into more than two districts, or whether some arrangement cannot be proposed which will ensure a greater degree of cleanliness of the Streets and prove equally productive to the City Revenue

The Contract for the Docks & Slips also expires on the first day of May next—in relation to this subject the Comptroller has been assured by many of those who have heretofore been Lessees, that the contract would be worth considerably more, if made for two or more years and not annually—as a very large part of the fees for the first year remains to be collected the succeeding one and the Lessee after a years experience is less liable to be impossed upon and sustains less loss

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller advertize for sale proposals for leasing the Street manure for the period of two years from the first of May next—The consideration of leasing the public Docks & Slips, was postponed

[252] The Comptroller presented the following The Comptroller has the satisfaction to inform the Common Council that on the 6[th] instant he received from the Treasury Department of the U S. Three Drafts, on the Manhattan, City & Mechanics Bank for the sum of four hundred thousand Dollars being the principal of the sum loaned to his Excellency the Governor of this State on the 23[d] December 1814—the amount received was instantly paid to the Banks from which it had been loaned, The interest on this Sum has not been received—the reasons for which (as assigned by Col[n] Lamb, the agent of His Excellency Gov[r] Tompkins) are that all interest is paid out of the contingent fund—that Congress had as yet made no appropriation for that fund this Session, but no doubt would, previous to adjournment

Col[n] Lamb was authorized to propose to the Corporation, that they should receive in payment of the Interest due on the loan, the Thirty thousand Dollars in Treasury Notes which the Governor handed to the undersigned in May 1815 and which yet [253] remain in the Bank of America. or so much thereof as would at the par value, be sufficient to pay the interest—as the loss in this case would not exceed Five hundred Dollars—it is respectfully suggested whether it would not be more adviseable at once to accept the offer and finally close this concern, than to wait for appropriations to be made at some future period

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to settle the amount of interest due to the Corporation on said Loan in manner therein proposed—And also that the Finance Committee be authorized to dispose of said Treasury notes at any time it may be necessary for payment of the Million Loan. Alder[n] Lawrence Chairman of the Committee of Finance presented the Bonds which had been given by the Corporation for the said Loan of $400000 which was directed to be cancelled

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Capt[ns] La Blancherie—Gorham Steinhauer—Hanifer—Prentiss & Blackstone for [254] not reporting Passengers agreably to law

The Counsel presented an Ordinance relative to fees to the measurers of salt & grain, and an ordinance for the more effectual removal of filth & Dirt from the City of N York—Also an ordinance for the removal of snow and ice from the side walks and gutters—which were passed

The Counsel agreably to reference of last Meeting presented the following Report

The Counsel of the Corporation in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board at their last Meeting requiring him to report what Laws are necessary to be applied for at the present Session of the Legislature respectfully reports

That it has been found by experience that so much of the Law relative to the opening and improving of Streets &[c] as confines the Commissioners of estimate and assessment in making their assessment for benefit within certain limits is inconvenient and produces considerable delay, so much so indeed that sometimes the [255] Corporation have become liable to pay the whole amount of damages awarded almost as soon as the assessors who are appointed to raise the balance left unassessed by the Commissioners have been able to complete their assessment, and long before the collection thereof—the Counsel sees no impropriety in freeing the Commissioners from the restriction, which in truth is only nominal; for altho' restricted as Commissioners yet when they make the surplus assessment they are entirely unrestrained in the range of their assessment, he therefore recommends that such an amendment to this Law as will obviate the above difficulty be asked for

By the law relative to the assessment and collection of Taxes passed April 5[rh] 1813—a valuation of all real Estate in this State was directed to be made on or before the first day of July then next, and it was enacted that such valuation when approved by the Board of

Supervisors in each County should be considered the true value of the real estate in such County and should not thereafter be varied except where the value of any should be encreased by the erection of Houses or other improvements [256] or decreased by the destruction of any erections to make such law apply to the City of New York where from our great public improvements and the natural growth of the City, property in some parts of the City not unfrequently doubles in value in less than a year, and from the fluctuating course of business, in other parts falls from its former estimated worth, seems to be manifestly unjust & indeed the Board of Supervisors have been constrained to reject the letter of that Law for the purpose of doing justice in the apportionment of our Taxes; the Counsel therefore suggests the propriety of asking for a law to exempt this City from the operation of the general Law on the subject and to have the real estate of the City assessed year by year and the assessments subject to revision by the supervisors as has been heretofore customary

The Law respecting sales of Lands in this City to satisfy unpaid Taxes and assessments appears to the Counsel to require amendment—at present those sales are peremptory in the first instance, and it may well happen that a non resident owner may hear that his property has been [257] sold for a long term of years before he knew that he was liable to pay a cent for taxes or at least for an assessment—It is respectfully suggested whether it would not be adviseable to put these sales upon the same footing with the State sales for Taxes, giving to the Owners the right of redemption within two years upon the payment of a sufficient per centage upon the amount paid to indemnify the purchasor for his advances and trouble

By a late Resolution of the Common Council application was directed to be made to the Legislature at their present Session for power to carry into operation the *the* proposed improvement of Hudson Street by extending that Street Northward from Greenwich lane to the Ninth avenue and in pursuance of that direction the Counsel had drawn the requisite Memorial and Bill and herewith presents them to the Board

The Counsel has already had the honor of intimating to the Board his opinion of the propriety of making a radical change in the Law relative to Justices Courts in this [258] City—that subject being before a Committee of the Board he refrains from any further observations in relation thereto; except to suggest that from the necessary multiplied provisions of such a Law the same must unavoidably be of great length & require great care in the draughting and that he

apprehends that it will scarcely be possible to prepare it in time for the present Session, unless he be forthwith possessed of the views of the Board on the leading principles so as to enable him to commence the draughting of the Law without further delay

The above mentioned Law together with the Tax law which is annually enacted are all which have occurred to the Counsel as being requisite to be applied for; and as the early part of the session is generally the time when the Legislature is least occupied with business he respectfully suggests the propriety of having these laws or such of them as may be approved of by the Board prepared for the next meeting of the Common Council

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

[259] Which was approved and the Counsel directed to prepare Memorials and corresponding Bills

The Memorial and Bill for extending Hudson St to the 9th avenue, was presented & agreed to

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hose Comp^{y} N^{o} 1

James H Guion, Mercht. 133 Chatham St 6th W^{d} vice Isaac M Hand res^{gd}

Fire Eng^{e} Comp^{y} N^{o} 2

William Riker H. Carpenter Mott St 6th W^{d} vice John Seabury res^{gd}

Frederick Weed Shoemaker N^{o} 34 orchard St 10th W^{d} vice Reuben Avery res^{gd}

N^{o} 20

Thomas Hopper, Cooper 98 Greenwich St 1st W^{d} vice David Pullis res^{gd}

N^{o} 27

Joseph B Gaffit Cartman Desbrosses St 5th W^{d} Vice David Bogart resig^{d}

N^{o} 40

Truman Bartholemew, H Carpenter Broome St 8th W^{d} vice John Smith resig^{d}

The Street Commissioner presented the following

[260] The Street Commissioner begs leave to state to the Common Council that as the Supreme Court has confirmed the reports of the Commissioners of estimate & assessment in the following cases viz^{t}

1 For opening the 2d Avenue from North St to 29th Street

2d For opening the 9th avenue from Greenwich Lane to the Northerly side of 28th St

3d For opening 28th St from the 9th avenue to the Hudson River

4th For opening the 10th avenue from 28th Street to the Northerly side of 71 Street

5th For opening the 8th avenue from Greenwich Lane to Harlaem River

6th For opening Hudson St from near Laight Street to Spring St

7th For opening Chaple St near Leonard Street

8th For opening Elizabeth St to Bleecker Street

He would respectfully suggest the propriety of an order being given to open said avenues and Streets immediately after the first of May next

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

which was approved

The Street Commissioner upon the reference [261] to him of last meeting to report the means of affording relief for damages sustained in regulating and paving Streets, reported that so many difficulties present themselves to him on the subject that he could not frame a Report satisfactory to himself and recommended its being referred to the Committees on Laws and on Streets—which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for making Water Street from Catharine to Rutgers Slip—which was passed

He also presented an ordinance for regulating Hudson St from Laight to Spring St which was passed—& Ezekiel Bishop Aquilla Giles & William Stillwell were appointed assessors

He also presented an assessment for a Well & Pump in Dominick St, and an assessment for regulating Washington St from North Moore to near Canal St which were confirmed

The Committee on the report of the Council upon the Justices courts in this City Reported

That they have attentively considered the subject and are of opinion that an entire new modification [262] of the said Courts is desirable, and they accordingly suggest to the Board the following outlines of a Plan for that purpose—viz

The City to be divided into five Districts of which the ninth Ward

to be one. Four Justices to be appointed by the Council of appointment, one for each of the four first Districts each of whom is to hold a court in such place within his District as the Corporation shall designate and provide *and* two justices as at present for the ninth Ward—A Clerk to each Court except in the 9th Ward to be appointed by the Corporation who shall receive all fees and make return thereof under oath and at the end of each month pay the same to the Chamberlain —Fuel Candles & stationary to be provided by the Corporation

The jurisdiction of Justices to extend to $50 with a concurrent Jurisdiction to the Mayors Court for all sums above $25; and deft to be at liberty to remove the cause to the Mayors Court on giving security for payment of such sum as may be recovered

No man (not being a Freeholder) having a family with which he resides and for [263] which he actually provides to be imprisoned for any debt not exceeding $25 exclusive of costs—and that it be the duty of the justice to inquire into the fact

That the marine Court be new modelled so as to have but one judge, who shall be of the degree of Counsellor at Law in the Supreme Court, and the jurisdiction of that Court to be confined to marine causes

The justices to have the power of granting new trials

The justices and clerks (except in the ninth Ward) to be salary officers and paid by the Corporation as follows the Justice of the Marine Court to receive $2500 annually, the Clerk of the said Court $ annually—each of the other justices $ annually—and each of the clerks in these Courts $ annually

The Committee have refrained from going into details as to the various subordinate provisions of the Law as such details would be complicated and are the peculiar province of the person who is to draw the law—they would merely suggest that they conceive the existing Law with modifications to suit the above views & will furnish a sufficient guide—They therefore [264] propose, if the Board concurs in the Report the Counsel of the Corporation be instructed to draught a memorial to the Legislature soliciting the enactment of the proposed Law, together with a Bill corresponding with the above provisions—and that in preparing such Bill he be authorized to incorporate such other and further provisions as he may judge expedient & not inconsistent with the principles of this report—And as such Bill will be submitted to the review of the Board they will of course

reject any such portion of the same as to them may seem exceptionable

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Smith
Jn[o] B Coles
J Mapes
E W King

The Report alluded to in the above was as fol[s]

The Counsel of the Corporation to whom was referred the memorial of Ebenezer Burling together with the Draught of a Bill relative to the justices Court in the City of N York respectfully reports that he has examined the said Bill and finds it to contain very considerable alterations from the present [265] system particularly in this, that by the said Bill, the City exclusive of the 9[th] Ward is divided into four Districts in each of which two persons of the age of thirty years or above are to be appointed to hold the justices court for the said district with all the powers of the present assistant justices and some additional powers and jurisdiction—which District Courts are to supercede the present ward Courts—And in the 9[th] Ward two Justices are to be appointed with the like jurisdiction as is given to justices under the general ten Pound act

The district Judges are allowed certain fees differing materially from the present fees—and are required to account quarterly with the City Comptroller for all the fees received by them during their last quarter, and upon such accounting the Comptroller is to apportion the said Fees equally among the said four district courts; and upon neglect or refusal on the part of the justices to pay over the surplus beyond the sum awarded by the Comptroller such justices making default are to forfeit their offices

The proposed Bill varies in some particulars from the present Law, in the mode of [266] instituting the suit and in the proceedings therein, and is deficient in some matters which are deemed by the subscriber of consequence; the brief examination which the Counsel has given to it owing to his being under the necessity of leaving the City to attend the present term of the Supreme Court at Albany, has prevented a detail of these matters. It will be obvious however to the Board from the above statement that the system proposed by the Memorialist is a pretty important change in the present law and one which the Counsel cannot consider as undeserving attention. Whether however there can be any great benefit in having two justices in each of these courts; whether the districting of the City in the manner proposed by this Law is judiciously done, as to equalizing business in the

several courts and affording equal facilities to suitors in the respective wards; whether the fees allowed are sufficient, or more than enough; and particularly whether the most effectual way of preventing litigation in these inferior Courts would, not be to allow a fixed Salary to [267] each of the justices to be paid by the City out of a fund raised by the Fees of office; are questions which can only be decided by the Common Council. The last suggestion is one which has the decided approbation of the subscriber— he is satisfied that justice would be more impartially administered and litigation be much diminished by its adoption, inasmuch as it would entirely remove that struggle for business which may (and perhaps unconsciously too) pervade the Courts while the Magistrate derives immediate advantage from the increase of the business of his Court

Upon the whole the Counsel is satisfied that so much of the prayer of the memorialists as solicits a reference of the subject to a Committee is reasonable; and the Counsel will most readily lend his aid to the completion of the law whenever the Board shall decide upon the principles which are to govern him in framing it

Jan^{y} 8th 1816

Sig^{d} D S Jones

The Report of the Committee on the above report having been read was approved, and the Counsel directed to prepare a Memorial [268] and corresponding Bill to be presented to the Legislature agreably thereto, and to add thereto a provision that the justices of *of* the police and their Clerk be compensated by salaries for their services in lieu of fees

The Committee on the Petitions for widening Roosevelt St reported. that they have had the subject under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, Your Committee have caused a map to be made of premises to be affected by the contemplated improvement which they herewith present and from which it will be seen that it will be necessary to widen Roosevelt St below Batavia lane to the same width it is above & the only difficulty your Committee have found has been to fix the line of Roosevelt S^{t} between water S^{t} & the E River By the map it will be seen that there are no buildings to be taken if the street is run in a direct line, but the proprietor of the ground on the west side of the Street will be considerably injured by having his lots cut up in such a manner as will prevent him from building or otherwise improving the part which will remain. If the Street is continued the

course it now runs it will leave the remaining ground in a situation capable of improvement. But still your Committee deem it advisable under all the circumstances to run the Street in a direct line as designated on the said map—Your Committee accordingly recommend that the attorney of the Board be instructed to take the necessary measures to have the said Street widened in the manner hereby recommended

(Sig^{d}) E W King A L Underhill
J M^{c}Comb S^{t} Com^{sr} G Buckmaster

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to take legal measures for carrying the same into effect

[269] The Committee on the Petition for making improvements at Georges Square presented a Report, which was read and the further consideration postponed

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Moses Leon	owr	N^{o} 10 Dutch St	
Tho^{s} Ayres	occpt		
Harry Peters Executor &^{c} of Duryee's Estate	owr	22 Bancker St	
Tho^{s} Knox Ex^{r} & agent to Estate of Nich^{ls} Gouverneur dec^{d}	D^{o}	99 Water St	
William Vandevoort	D^{o}		
T W Cooke	occpt	82 Pearl	"
Robt P Bell	owr	82½ D^{o}	"
John Ray	occpt		
James Watts	owr	11 State	
John Clark	occpt	10 Pearl	
John Bedient agent to estate of E Robins dece^{sd}	owr	7 Water S^{t}	
James M^{c}Lean	occpt		
M & J D Dissosway	Lessees	12 Front	"
Rob^{t} P Bell	occup^{t}		

Which were passed

[270] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$10357.27
Warrants not presented	2403.28
	$7953.99

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert	City Watch	673.75
Farrington & Tobias	Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs	Do	498.75
Vandyck & McLaughlin	Do	337.75
R Graves asst St Comssr to 1 Feby		300.00
Revd J Stanford by orr Comn Council		300.00
M Ackerman Keepr Potters Field to 1 Feby		46.50
B Hicks 1 Mo Salry to 15th Inst		62.00
N Allen & 2 assts 1 Qr Keeps City Prison		498.36
A Rooke on acct Signal Poles 1 Qr Saly 1 Feb		87.50
Palmer & Hamilton 11 Casks Lamp oil		1352.56
J Macomb to pay sundry Jobs orr Board		371.32
J L Church repairs to Pumps		86.12
Z Allen	Do Do	29.50
T Chichester on a/c fills Slip at new Ferry		113.91
A Higgins on a/c regulats Fair St		248.50
Jno J Glover payt prinl & Int Hamn Sqr Bond granted to J Jackson		761.12
Isaac Bronson for payment of the last installmt of an Inclenburgh Bond granted to A Baudoin		1115.61
[271] W R Thurston Int on award opens Fair St		149.00
S Van Wyck	Do Do Do	147.50
P Schermerhorn	Do to 1 Feby Bond fr Beekman Slip	450.00
		$8231.00
Ballance		$

[272] In Common Council Feby 19th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker
William Coulthard		Daniel E Tylee
George Buckmaster		Arthur Burtis
Reuben Munson		John Palmer
		Thomas Cooper

Assistants

This being the day appointed for the visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell the Board performed that duty after which the following business was transacted

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that application may be made to the Legislature [273] for amendment of the law for prevention of Fires so as to include within its provisions the limits included within the district commencing at the corner of Anthony St & Church St running thence to Walker St up Walker St to Broadway—was read and referred to the Committee on the fire Department.

A Petition of the Constables and Marshals praying the Common Council to petition the Legislature that the peace officers may be exempt from militia duty—was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Wiggins & Parks for relief on a contract made by them for filling in Beekman Slip was read and ordered that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

A Petition of Garrit Storms stating that the late sale of the grounds of the Watch House corner of Wall and Broad St agreably to the Map by which the ground has been sold alters the line of the Street so as materially to injure the late purchasors of ground on the former scite of the old city Hall—Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on laws

[274] A Petition of sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Rivington. Delancy. Arundle Staunton & Pell streets praying for two or more additional watchmen in that neighbourhood was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Kings County was read praying the Common Council will unite in an application to the Legislature praying an amendment to the Law to protect the Fishing in Hudson's River &c so as to make the penalty more efficacious Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws

The Comptroller presented for execution a Release from the quit rent on a water Lot grant made to Frances Van Courtlandt on the 14th September 1770 the same having been commuted for by James Arden he having paid into the City Treasury the sum of $40.70 the principal at 6 per ct of the said quit rent Ordered that the release to Mr Arden be executed

The Comptroller presented a Report on the [275] subject of the sale of the Lot at the corner of Wall and Broad St stating it to have been sold to Peter Burtsell for $11300 that 15 per cent had agreably to the terms of sale been paid by the purchasor into the Treasury and three equal notes for the Balance payable with interest on the 1st of August November and February next had been given by him

and lodged with the Treasurer—He also reported that the Lots corner of William & Pearl St had been leased at auction for 21 years to Leonard Fisher and Daniel Faesch to the former at a rent of $200 per annum and the latter at $680 per annum that the appraisors had valued Buildings on Mr Fishers Lot at $7000. and on Mr Faesch's Lot at $1500—Whereupon Resolved that the subject of the valuation and Lease of the Lot leased to Fisher be referred for consideration and to report upon to Mr King Aldern McCartee Mr Burtis

The Committee on the Petition of Peter Schermerhorn and S Lawrence Reported That they had the same under consideration and find that the persons Thos & Geo Lovett who had the contract for filling said Basin; for their convenience took up the Bridges leading [276] to the Wharf of the Petitioners, which is the cause of this demand being made The Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the Petition inasmuch as in their opinion this Board is under no liability to make compensation for any injury not committed by them nor by their order—They therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

(Sigd) Wm Coulthard
G Buckmaster
Jno H Tallman

Which was approved

The Counsel presented the drafts of the several memorials directed by Resolution at the last meeting excepting that on the subject of the justices Court—Whereupon Resolved that the consideration of the same be postponed until the next meeting of the Board

The Report of the Committee on improvements of St George's square was called up & being read was in the words following

The Committee on Streets and St Commissr to whom was referred the petition of [277] sundry persons praying for an improvement of St Georges Square Report. That they have attentively considered the subject and are of opinion that a very important improvement may be made by removing a few of the buildings at the junction of Pearl & Cherry Streets which will be attended with a small expense compared with the benefit to be derived from it. From the best judgment your committee have been able to form on the subject the whole expense of the contemplated improvement will be less than twenty thousand Dollars—Your Committee accordingly recommend that St Georges Square be extended and for that purpose that the Houses and Lots at the junction of the said Streets be taken pursuant

to the statute from a line beginning at the distance of sixteen feet from the westerly corner of the House occupied by the Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton and extending twelve feet from the westerly corner of Frankfort St as designated upon the Map herewith presented

(Sig[d]) E W King
A L Underhill
George Buckmaster
Jn° McComb

Which was approved and the Counsel was [278] directed to take legal measures to carry the same into effect—It was also moved that it be added that the measure is agreed to by the Common Council upon the understanding that the owners and Proprietors of the property to be benefitted by the improvement are willing to bear the expenses attending the same, and therefore no part of the expense is to be borne by the Common Council

The question being taken thereon and a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 13

M[r] Recorder. Alder[n] Mapes—Laurence. Smith Coulthard Buckmaster Munson—Mess[rs] Underhill. King. Tallman, Burtis. Tucker Cooper

Negative 4

Alder[n] Coles. M[c]Cartee. Mess[rs] Lorillard. Tylee

His Honor the Recorder stated that as one of the committee appointed to carry into effect the Resolution of the Board for taking a census & Jury list having some doubts as to the powers meant to be vested by the Board in that Committee—And not agreeing entirely with the other members [279] of the Committee on the mode pursued he begged leave to submit to the Board the following Resolutions

1. Resolved that the forming of the jury lists directed by this Board is essentially connected with the impartial administration of justice and that this Board ought itself to see that every precaution be used to ensure that end

2[d] Resolved that such jury lists ought to be formed by two persons at least in each ward acting as checks upon each other, and that the persons entrusted therewith ought to be selected without distinction of party and to act upon oath

3[d] Resolved that the compensation to be allowed to the persons employed in taking the census & Jury lists ought to be fixed & determined by this Board

4th Resolved that the confiding so important and delicate a trust to a single individual in each Ward & Without the sanction of an oath is imprudent—And that the selection of such individuals in the several wards from one political party only, to the entire exclusion of the other is partial and unjust and ought not to be tolerated by this Board

Whereupon after some debate thereon [280] Mr Lorillard moved the following Resolution

Whereas the subject referred to in the Resolutions of His Honor the Recorder having been heretofore submitted to a committee of this Board & they invested with full power to act in the premises, and that committee having stated that they had already met and acted thereon, and this Board having full confidence in said committee therefore

Resolved that any consideration of the said Resolutions is unnecessary

The question having been taken thereon and a Division called. The Resolution presented by Mr Lorillard was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 10

Aldern Coles—Mapes—Lawrence—Coulthard McCartee — Messrs Lorillard—Underhill—King Tylee—Tallman

Negative 7

Mr Recorder—Aldern Smith—Buckmaster Munson. Messrs Tucker —Burtis—Cooper

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition on the subject of a canal from Lake Erie to the Hudson Reported [281] That they have considered the subject, believe it to be of great importance to this city and have prepared an address hereunto annexed which they recommend to the approbation of the Common Council & request that the same may be received as the report of the Comee

(Sigd) Jno B Coles
J Mapes
Jacob Lorillard
Th R Smith
Gideon Tucker

Address &— To the Legislature &c

The Common Council of the City of New York respectfully represent that they feel themselves called upon by a duty they owe to their constituents to express their sentiments, upon the great and important

Canal question, to which the attention of the Legislature has been invited for some years past, and particularly at the present Session

The project of opening a navigation to the ocean through the Hudson River, from the great Lakes placed by Providence in the midst of this rising Empire, inspires the mind with the laudable desire, that this generation, may at least lay the foundation of so [282] great a work the completion of which, in the opinion of the Common Council, must be a Bond of Union—a source of prosperity and power to the Inhabitants of the extensive country within the limits & influence of such a navigation

The Common Council forbear going into a detail upon this subject—that has already been done by those, whose duty and opportunities have enabled them to present to the Legislature and the public such information as must give to every inteligent mind, the strongest impressions that this great work is practicable and within the reasonable means of the Legislature of the State of New York, which means it may be presumed will encrease with the progress of the undertaking and the prospect of its final success

The Common Council relying upon the wisdom and indulgence of the Legislature, ask leave most respectfully to suggest; That *that* the successful accomplishment of this great work, seems to require most emphatically, that the incipient measures already taken should be unremitingly pursued, for the purpose [283] of obtaining the most compleat information, as to the best course of the Canal, its magnitude & construction; and this with a view to the generation which is to succeed us, upon whom, it is presumed will be entailed a considerable portion of the expence, to make the inheritance justify the incumbrance; it must be untramelled with local feelings, with local interests or temporary expedients—all these feelings upon such a subject ought to be sacraficed on the altar of patriotism, at the Threshold of the undertaking, and the record thereof handed down to the future Historian. through the journals of the Legislature of the State of New York, as a worthy, a meritorious and acceptable offering

The Common Council with great deference further suggest, that the Canal from Lake [Erie] to the Hudson River, be as straight as the nature of the Country will admit of. That it be calculated for Boats to be drawn by Horses. That Lakes or Rivers form no part of the Canal or as little as the nature of the case will admit—and that the part of the Canal approaching the Hudson be first compleated

The Common Council entertain the fullest [284] confidence that the pecuniary burthens which a judicious prosecution of this great

work, may impose upon the Inhabitants of this City, will be cheerfully born.

Whereupon Resolved unanimously that the memorial be engrossed and a copy sent by His Honor the Mayor under the Corporate Seal to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Assembly

Resolved that the Committee on public Lands and places be authorized to employ one or more persons to take charge of the Park and Battery and to cause manure to be carted and spread upon those places to the amount of not exceeding four hundred Dollars

Adjourned to monday. 26. Febʸ

[285] In Common Council Febʳʸ 26 1816

present The Honˡ Richard Riker Recorder President

John B Coles	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junʳ	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine S Lawrence		Anthʸ L Underhill	
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
William Coulthard		Daniel E Tylee	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Reuben Munson		Arthur Burtis	
		John H Tallman	
		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Petitions of Francis White. of Henry Hoffman Samuel White— Solomon G Dean. Daniel J Tier Henry Enford and Jacob Smith for Butchers Stalls were read and referred to the market Committee

A Recommendation of William Youngs as Inspector [286] of Firewood in place of Mʳ Tabele whose removal they solicit, signed by a number of persons, also of John Webster in place of Jacob Shoult whose removal is also solicited, were read & referred to the Committee on application with directions to examine into the causes of the request for the removal of those persons & to report to the Board

A Petition of Jesse Mead for appointment of Inspector of wood and a recommendation in favor of Josiah Smith for appointment of measurer of grain were read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition to have Broome & Sullivan St regulated and the adjoining Lots filled up, was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition for opening and extending Beekman Street to the East River was read and referred to Alder[n] Buckmaster, Coles & Smith

A remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the ordinance directing the widening of Roosevelt Street was read & referred to Alder[n] Munson—Lawrence—M[r] Burtis

[287] A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants praying that persons coming with meat for sale from the Country may be permitted to sell their meats at the lower end of the Fly market as heretofore practised —was read & ordered to be referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of the Licensed Cartmen of the City proposing certain regulations for the government of the Cartmen and also an encrease of the fees allowed them was read and referred to Alder[n] Mapes Alder[n] M[c]Cartee M[r] Mann M[r] Tucker M[r] Underhill

A Memorial of Rembrant F Muller stating that in settling his demand with William A Hardenbrook whose property has been conveyed to the Corporation, a mistake of one years Interest was made. and praying relief—was read and ordered Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Walter F Townsend for appointment [288] of Measurer of grain &[c] was read & granted—Also of William Ustick for appointment of City Weigher, was read and granted

The Counsel represented that several Laws were near expiring, whereupon Resolved that the following Laws of this Corporation be and the same are hereby re-enacted

A Law to regulate the digging of vaults in the Streets

A Law further to regulate sales at auction

A Law to regulate the lying of vessels at and within the public Wharves & Slips

A Law relative to the posting of notices on the New City Hall

A Law to regulate Hackney Coaches

The Chief Engineer presented a recommendation of John Ennis. John A Hardenbrook & William Schurman as Fire Warden of 10[th] Ward in place of Benj[n] Mumford removed from the City & Conrad Jordan and William Messerve resigned, which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The following persons were appointed [289] Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder No 4

Mason Seely mercht 142 Chatham St 6 W[d] vice James Ligtboddy res[gd]

Richard Cornell Mercht 7 Mott St 6 W[d] vice Benjamin Bailey res[gd]

Fire Engn Compy No 6

William Day Pump maker Washington St 3d Wd vice Henry Smith resgd

No 10.

Elisha Shaw, Comb maker Bowery 10th Wd vice Gilbert Coutant resigd

William Taylor, Cartman, Nichls Wm St 10th Wd vice Nathaniel Martine resgd

Fisher F Valentine Shoemaker, Bowery 10th Wd vice William Scheurman resgd

No 11

William P Harris Mercht 118 Fly market 2d Wd vice Adam Miller resgd

Stephen Morgan, Mercht 8 Front St 1 Wd vice Benjn Lowern resgd

No 14

William Passman—Butcher—Washington St 195 3d Wd vice William J Hoyt removed to the Country

[290] No 23

Leonard Baum, Grocer, 95 Duane St 6th Wd vice James Gridley deceased

No 24

William Earle, Turner Duane St 4th Wd vice James T Taylor resgd

No 30

John Luske rope maker,
Fourth St 10th Wd vice Barnes Underhill resgd

Henry Canniff rope maker
Norfolk Cr Stanton Do vice David Wooley Do

James Isarael Cartman
Third St Do vice Blze Tenbrooke Do

William Hassels Carpenter
Fourth St Do vice John Conner Do

No 36

Robert Lortin, Carpenter 483 Greenwich St 8th Wd
vice Joseph Sellock Do

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

John McKay & Michael Cashman. corner Duane & Augustus St

James Hays Spring St

Henry Rutgers 81 Harman St
Margaret Roosevelt 19 John St
[291] Sarah Mason 39 Nassau St
Mrs Nicholson owr } 156 William St
James Machet occpt }
Jacob Thomas owr } 48 Nassau St
William Brown occpt }
Which were passed

A Memorial of L Enlers & Ziegler stating they have a patent for making Gaz light and requesting the Corporation to view their experiment, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

The Committee on the Petition of J R Murray & others praying an encrease of wharfage.

Reported That they have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that it is reasonable and proper that the law upon that subject should be so amended that all vessels of the burden of fifty tons and under pay wharfage at the rate of fifty cents per day and that all vessels of a greater burden than fifty tons pay at the rate of fifty cents per day for the first fifty tons and half a cent per day for every ton of such vessel over and above *every ton of such vessel over and above* [292] fifty tons—and recommend that the opinion of the Common Council be expressed in conformity thereto upon a bill the Petitioners may prepare for that purpose to be presented to the Legislature by the Petitioners

(Sigd) Jno° B Coles
Peter McCartee
Reuben Munson

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully informs the Common Council that several applications have been made for the payment of the principal and Interest of the million Loan Bonds—that he has no funds for that purpose and that no sale of the U S Stock can now be effected at the price limited by the Board—the applicants appear to be anxious to know when they may look for payment, and the undersigned wishes to be instructed what answer to make

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein

Whereupon Resolved that the Finance Committee & Comptroller be authorized [293] to sell a sum not exceeding $50 000. of the U S. stock held by the Common Council at a rate not less than 91½ per Ct for payment of said creditors

The Comptroller on the Petition of Daniel S Dodge for permission to transfer the lease of Lot N° 22 Peck Slip to Anthony Bellany

Reported—that as the rent for the premises are paid and M^r Bellany is a very respectable man he conceives no good objection can exist for not granting the prayer of the petition

(Sig^d) Tho^s R Mercein

Which was approved and the assignment directed to be made

The Counsel presented "a Law regulating fees on making distress for rent" was read and passed

Alder^n Lawrence presented to the Board a Memorial from a number of Inhabitants to Congress praying a repeal of the law imposing a duty upon foreign coal stating it as the wish of the subscribers to the Petition that the Common Council would unite [294] with them in the application to Congress

Whereupon Resolved that the Counsel prepare a suitable Memorial from this Common Council to Congress praying the repeal of said duty upon coal and that the same be engrossed and forwarded under the Corporate Seal to be laid before Congress at their present Session

The following was presented by the Comptroller

The period having arrived when it becomes requisite to apply to the Legislature for the annual Law to authorize the Corporation to raise money by Tax, the Comptroller respectfully recommends that application be made forthwith and that the amount required be $180-000 the same as last year. This amount tho' large is not so great in proportion to the population or the value of the real & personal estate in the City & County, as the sums raised in antecedent years—as will appear from the following data taken from the minutes of the Common Council

A census was taken in the year 1801 & the whole number of Inhabitants returned were 60 480. the amount of the tax that year [295] was $150 000 or $2.47 for each individual—in 1806 a census was taken again and the whole number of Inhabitants returned were 75 280—the amount of Tax raised that year was $130 000 or $1.89 for each individual. The present population of this City may be estimated at and will no doubt prove to be 110 000—the sum to be raised by Tax is $180 000—or $1.63 for each Individual. Again in the year 1806 the return of the real & personal estate was estimated at $26 945 855—at that period however the assessors were in the practise of making their returns far short of their real value, [&] admit that $50 000 00 (which is considered a liberal allowance) would have been the estimate

according to the present laws—The amount of Tax in that case would have been 26 cents on $100 The return of the real and personal estate the last year was about $82 millions—property and income have certainly advanced since the peace at least 20 p^{r} Cent in this City and may be fairly estimated at $90 000 000, millions which will give 20 cents on $100 Dollars—Thence it appears that altho' many great and permanent improvements [296] have been accomplished within a few years, they have been executed not only without the imposition of additional Taxes, but that the annual amount is neither in proportion to the encrease of population or augmentation of real & personal estate within this City & County The new and just principle incorporated in the late law passed in 1813 by the Legislature of this State for the assessment and collection of Taxes—that all the property real and personal of each individual be assessed (as far as the same can be ascertained) at their real worth, has occasioned a considerable augmentation of the Tax on the personal estates of the opulent and a proportional diminution in those of the middling and poorer clases of the community, to this improved mode of assessment must be ascribed the equitable augmentation of Taxes on affluence and not to any excess of the annual amount raised by the Corporation

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein
Comp^{r}

The Memorial & Bill to the Legislature [297] presented by the Counsel at the last meeting for authorizing the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty to raise money by tax was called up and read. It was then moved that the sum to be raised be $180 000—the question being taken thereon it passed in the negative it was then moved that the sum be $160 000 which was agreed to and the memorial was directed to be engrossed and forwarded together with the corresponding Bill to the Legislature

The Memorial & Bill presented by the Counsel at the last meeting "for the more effectual collection of Taxes and Assessments" was called up and agreed to, and the Memorial was directed to be engrossed, duly authenticated, and forwarded to the Legislature

The Memorial & Bill praying an amendment to the law relative to the Collection of Taxes in the City of New York, was also called up and agreed to and the Memorial directed to be engrossed, duly authenticated and forwarded to the Legislature

[298] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mess^{rs} Griswold & Storm on the sale of the Watch House Lot Reported

That the Petitioners and the purchaser of the premises in question respectively appeared before your committee, and that from their statements and the documents produced by them to the Committee it appears that the Watch House at the corner of Wall St and Broad St was built in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three according to a plan or draft then made and which was approved by the Common Council at that time, that before and until the said Watch House was located at that place, a building stood on the scite of the said Watch House which was private property and extended as far into Wall & Broad Streets as the lot lately sold to the purchasor of the Watch House according to the lines designated for the points thereof on those Streets on the map by which the same was sold. That the said lot with the said Watch House thereon was sold at public auction to Peter Burtsell who has complied with the [299] terms of sale and insists on a conveyance accordingly—that the Petitioners purchased the Lots on the opposite side of wall Street before any intention was formed of altering the lines of the lot occupied by the Watch House and that a Map was shewn at the time of the sale to the Petitioners of their Lots and copies annexed to their deeds, on which map the grounds & Streets in the vicinity with the front lines of the Watch House were represented as they now are and the Petitioners object to the sale to M^{r} Burtsell as including part of the public Street, and as materially injurious to them

Your Committee without expressing any opinion as to the effect of the alteration of the front of the Lot in question as sold to M^{r} Burtsell, upon the situation advantages, or value of the building and property of the Petitioners, are of opinion that M^{r} Burtsell the Purchaser, having purchased the lot in question at public auction and according to a Map or plan exhibited by the agent of the Common Council and having fully complied with the terms of sale is entitled to a conveyance in conformity [300] therewith, if the Corporation are vested with the legal title to the property and have a right to appropriate or sell the same for private purposes—In this view of the matter the question appears to your Committee to turn, on the right of the Corporation to convey that part of the Lot which is proposed to be added to the front of what is occupied by the present Watch House, and this question appears to your Committee to involve the following points; First Whether that part of the lot so proposed to be added thereto, is part of a public Street, and if so, then, whether the Common Council by virtue of the powers vested in them by law, can for straightening or otherwise regulating Wall or Broad Streets, add the

same to the Lot in question, and if the same may be so added then, no private property being required for the purpose, whether any proceedings are necessary to be had under any act of the Legislature for authorising such addition

These points of the case being questions of law your Committee recommend that [301] the opinion of the Counsel of the Board be taken thereon and if such opinion be in favor of the right of the Corporation to convey agreably to the terms of sale, then that a conveyance be directed to be given accordingly, and if against such right, then that the conveyance be withheld—Your Committee beg leave to add that in case the conveyance be made according to the sale a question will arise on the representation of the Petitioners respecting their purchases of the Lots on the opposite side of Wall St, as to the right of the Petitioners to compensation for such injury if any, as they may sustain in consequence of the appropriation to private purposes of that part of the lot which is to be added to what the Watch House now covers, and as to the amount of such compensation—and your Committee submit to the Board whether a reference of those questions to some proper Committee would not be proper in case a conveyance should be granted of the Lot according to the sale

(Sig^{d}) S Jones Jun^{r}
E W King
Tho^{s} R Smith

[302] Whereupon the Counsel immediately reported that he had heretofore had occasion to examine the legal questions arrising under the above report and that he entertained no doubt of the right of the Corporation to alter the line of Broad St as had been done in the present instance That the piece of ground now lying in the Street having belonged to the Corporation before it was left open to the Street reverts to them upon the closing of the Street there; and that no proceedings are necessary to be had under any act of the Legislature to vest the same in the Corporation. That the Corporation had a right to sell or appropriate the same for private purposes, and that they are accordingly bound to convey to M^{r} Burtsell agreeably to the terms of the sale to him

Whereupon it was Resolved that the deed to the Purchaser Peter Burtsell be duly executed—and that the consideration of the subject of whether any and what compensation is due to the Petitioners Mess^{rs} Griswold & Storm be postponed

The Memorial & Bill presented by the Counsel respecting the law

establishing the Justices Courts in this City was called up and the consideration postponed until Wednesday next when a special meeting of the Board will be summoned to consider of the same

Alder[n] Lawrence [presented] the following

[303] Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine into the state of the Corporation property at the foot of Dey Street, and to report to the Board, what in their opinion it would be proper to be done with the same in order to make it productive

Which was agreed to & referred to the Finance Committee

The committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Kings County reported—That they have had the subject under consideration & find that the facts detailed in the said petition to be correct, and they recommend that a Memorial be sent to the Legislature for the purpose of amending the act referred to so as to give the penalty to the use of the poor of the Town instead of the informer

(Sig[d]) by Tho[s] R Smith & E W King

which was approved and the Counsel directed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature praying an amendment to the law, and that the same be engrossed, authenticated & forwarded to the Legislature

The Committee on the Fire department on the Memorial of sundry Marshals & Constables of the City [304] of New York Reported That after having given the subject of reference due consideration they are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted and therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be directed to prepare and report an amendment to the militia law of the state of New York with a memorial to the Legislature for the adoption thereof, providing for the exemption of all Constables & Marshals of the City of New York from militia duty, and further to report an ordinance providing for the organization of the Constables and Marshals aforesaid, into two companies over which the First Marshall & High Constable shall preside giving to said Companies power to pass such bye laws as to them may seem necessary to compell the attendance of the members thereof at every alarm of fire and to answer to their names at the calling of a Roll to be mad[e] for that purpose

(Sig[d]) By. Dan[l] E Tylee—Arthur Burtis. A L Underhill

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition for extending [305] the fire limits Reported—That in their opinion the prayer of the memorialists ought to be granted & therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be instructed to draft and present to the Board a Bill & memorial to the Legislature for the adoption thereof making provision for extending the limits given in the act of the Legislature of the State of New York—so as to embrace within the provisions of said act the district embraced within a line commencing at the corner of Church & Anthony Streets and running thence through Church to Walker St embracing both sides of said Streets thence through & along the Westwardly side of Walker St to Broadway

(Sig^{d}) by Dan^{l} E Tylee—Arthur Burtis &. A L Underhill

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully represent[s] to the Common Council that in conformity with the resolution of the Board passed on 12th Inst. the leases of the cellars under Washington Duane St & Grand St market were sold for 5 years from the 1st day of May next the rent to be paid Quarterly the expenses of the leases to be paid by the lessee. The Comptroller respectfully recommends [306] that the Attorney of the Board be instructed to prepare the leases to the following persons For the cellar under Duane Street ma[r]ket

Jonas W Concklin $165 per annum. Under Grand Street market

William Ennis & Co $40 per annum

Cellars under Washington market

	Names of lessees	rent p^{r} Ann
N^{o} 1.	Sarah Van Tassel	$82.50
2	Solomon Wright	65.00
3	James Owens	45.00
4	Christian Harriott	70.00
5	Charles Dennison	50.00
6	Bartholemew Granger	60.00
7	Robert Cameron	50.00
8	Peter Kelly	82.50
9	Cornelius King	52.50
10	William Moffatt	77.50
11	John Davenport	145.00
12	Henry Cochran	200.00
13	Fanny Paterson	182.50
14	Jacob Westervelt	202.50
		1365.00

	rent pr Ann
Grand Street	40.00
Duane Street	165.00
Total	1570.00

The rent of these cellars last year was $1160

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

[307] which was approved, and the Counsel directed to draft the necessary leases

Resolved that the Third Wood Inspection District be enlarged so as to comprehend the whole of Catharine Slip Basin

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$26574.43
Warrants not presented	3502.89
	$23071.54

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accts

Hays & Bogert Watch	670.25
Farrington & Tobias Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	495.25
Van Dyck & McLaughlin Do	339.50
B Skaats & 2 Assistants keepers of City Hall to 24 inst	320.20
J A Hardenbrook Candles for City Hall & Watch Houses	52.19
C E Duncan Street Inspr to 1 Mar	52.00
H W Peckwell Do Do	52.00
Wm McIntosh Do Do	52.00
Jacob Hays High Constable to 22d Inst	200.00
[308] J Varrick Inspr Bread to 17th Inst	81.80
J W Jarvis Portrait Comr Perry by order Committee	600.00
Mercantile Advertizer in full to 1 January 1816	75.00
Evg Post Do to 16 Nov 1815	75.00
Benj Demilt for regulating Town clocks 15 months to 15 Decr 1815	250.00
I Luffborrow for regulating for 3 months Clock in Rutgers St	16.16
M Reid on a/c Well & Pump Broome St	63.76
J Richardson reprs to Wells	46.11
L Webster Do " Pumps	92.24
A Smyth on a/c pavg Bd Way	1000.00
Do Do Do Mapel St	300.00
Do Do regulatg Washington St	400.00
A Higgins Do Contract for Catharine "	919.15
E Underhill award for Property 2d avenue	1850.00
M Boscawen Do Do Do	121.00
C Mooney on a/c pavg Leonard St	320.00
Thos Scott Do Broadway	800.00
A Stagg Do Rivington St	400.00

J Haviland for Hose to Engines &c &c as certified by Chief Engineer	1047.74
Thos Franklin Chf Engineer 1 Qr 20 feby	204.50
St Comsr to pay expenses opens Fair St	1791.70
[309] St Comssr to pay expenses opens North St	587.17
Abm Barker for Interest on Hamilton Square Bond	631.83
James Warner Specl Justice to 26 Feby	250.00
Josiah Hedden Do Do	250.00
James Hopson Do Do	250.00
B O Blenis Chief Clerk in Police office	250.00
R Stephen Asst Do Do Do	200.00
J Hays & others extra services in the Police office by Order	402.00
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.00
Jas Wallace Supdt repairs	500.00
J Randall on a/ct of his contract for setting monuments	500.00
A Higgins on acct Catharine Slip	919.50
Mrs Woolsey, Principal & Int on Bond to D Woolsey Deceasd	2032.67
J McIntyre Dinner 25 Novr as audited by Aldern Smith & Mapes	606.63
	$24769.45
Balance	$

[310] Extra Meeting In Common Council Febry 28th 1816

present The Honl Richard Riker Recorder Presdt

John B Coles	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Daniel E Tylee	
William Coulthard		Asa Mann	
George Buckmaster		John J Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

A Petition of the Clerks of the Police Office praying that in the Law proposed by the Corporation to exempt the peace officers of the City from militia duty that a clause may be added exempting them also. Whereupon Resolved that the counsel draft a section to meet the case to be added to said law—And also resolved that the Counsel be directed to draft an additional section to said law to exempt the members of the Common Council *of the* [311] *Common Council* of this City from serving in the Militia

A Note was received from Mr N Phillips stating that he had therewith forwarded to the Common Council the first Number of the City Hall Recorder a work edited by him and which he intended to continue monthly requesting their acceptance of the same—Whereupon

resolved that the same be accepted by the Common Council and be deposited with the clerk of the same

A Petition of E Faxon for permission to assign Lease of N° 4 Peck Slip to W^m^ S Smith was read & referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of sundry owners of water Lots between Coentius and old Slip for permission to stop the passage of the tide beneath the Bridges on Jone's Wharf—by driving piles in the Water—and also praying the use of the mud machine for cleaning out the aforesaid water lots Resolved that it be referred to the Com^e^ on Wharves

[312] A Petition of George Griswold and Garrit Storm praying compensation for injury sustained by them by the sale of the Watch House Lot corner of Wall & Broad St was read & laid on the table

A Request in behalf of the estate of D Woolsey deceased for payment of a Bond due by the Corporation to said Estate amounting with Interest to $2032.67, was read, granted, and a Warrant ordered to issue accordingly

A request on behalf of David Barnham Lessee of corporation property at Brooklyn stating that there was due from him for rent up to the first instant the sum of $1087.50 and proposing to give in payment of the same a note of Mott & Williams payable on 1^st^ May 1817 and that in future he would be able punctually [to pay] his rent

It was *was* resolved that the note of said Mott & Williams payable as aforesaid with Interest be accepted in payment of the said rent in arrear

[313] M^r^ Lorillard presented a Bill to be laid before the Legislature entitled "an act to amend an act to reduce several Laws relating particularly to the City of New York" which was read and laid upon the table

The Law respecting the Justices Court in the City of New York was called up and after full discussion was approved and the Counsel was directed to prepare a suitable Memorial to the Legislature praying the same to be enacted into a Law and that the Memorial & Bill be forwarded to Albany

A Letter from Benjamin F Haskins confined in the City Prison praying certain indulgencies during his confinement was read & the consideration postponed until the next meeting.

[314] In Common Council March 11th 1816

present The Hon[l] Richard Riker Recorder Pres[dt]

John B Coles	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Anthony L Underhill	
Augustine H Lawrence		Elisha W King	
Peter McCartee		Daniel E Tylee	
Thomas R Smith		Asa Mann	
William Coulthard		Arthur Burtis	
George Buckmaster		John J Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of the last meetings were read and approved

A Memorial was received from Ruggles Hubbard Esq[r] Sheriff of the City praying the Common Council to assign one or more convicts to be employed in white washing and cleaning the Goal under the power given them by law to employ in public works persons convicted of offences under the degree of such as are punishable by imprisonment in the state Prison [315] Which was read and referred to the Committee on police

A Memorial of sundry Cabinet makers, Carpenters, and dealers in Lumber complaining of a construction given to the law "relative to the powers & duties of Fire wardens" whereby they have been ordered to remove their Plank & Timber from their yards which have been so occupied for years past for seasoning their Timber and praying relief—was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department And ordered in the interim that all proceedings which may have been had in the premises be stayed until the coming in of the report of the said Committee

A Petition of Nicholas Everitt for remission of penalty incured by purchasing Butter to sell again before the hour prescribed by law, alledging his ignorance of said law was read and referred to the Counsel with authority to remit

And it was referred to the market Committee to consider and report whether any and what amendments were necessary to be made in the market Law

A Petition from a number of the Licensed Chimney Sweeps praying that the number of licensed Sweeps may be limited to eighteen and that rates for their services may be established by the Common Council—was read & referred to the Committee on the fire Department

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Hose Compy No 1

Walter Peck, Mercht, 426 Pearl St vice Isaac Blue resd

Fire Engn Compy No 15

James Cocks, Watch maker, 143 Catharine St 4th Wd
vice Moses Dewey Do

A Petition of John C Seiman for remission of penalty incured by selling liquor without license was read and referred to the attorney with authority to remit

A Petition of George Limbert Junr and of Benjamin Davis for Stall in Catharine [317] Market from John Fink for No 19 Washington Market at present occupied by John Vonk who is willing to relinquish the same and of Charles Weatherspoon, and Matthew Byrne to exchange Stalls No 3 Washington & No 8 Fly market—were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial from a number of Inhabitants praying for the removal of one Craig, who has been substituted Inspector of wood by Mr Burdett Inspector at Rhinelanders Basin and that Jacob Wendell may be appointed in his place

A Petition also from Jacob Wendell for appointment of wood Inspector was presented and they were referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Parshall Downs for appointment of measurer of grain &c was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of J D Wolfe to construct a vault adjoining his stable on Lot No 20. [318] State St and of Richard Jarvis to build a Vault on Chatham Street corner of Catharine St, were read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant on the usual terms

A Petition of the lamp lighters for encrease of pay was read and referred to the lamp Committee to report

A Petition of John Murphy for appointment of Turnkey or Watchman at the New Alms House was read & laid upon the table

A Petition of the purchasors of the Government House Lots from No 1 to 7. fronting the Bowling green praying the Common Council to grant them the previlege of a Court yard in front of their Buildings not to extend more than 30 feet nor less than 20 feet from the front lines of their Buildings—to be ornamented by the petitioners with fancy lamps and iron railing &c was read and referred to the Committee on [319] public Lands and places

A Petition of Elkanah Underhill for permission to suffer his House

on the N side of North St between the Bowery and First St to remain for a short time

And a memorial from Sundry Inhabitants praying that the opening of the 2d avenue may be postponed were read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition that Leonard Street may be raised filled in and regulated from Elm to Collect St was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Letter from Jetheo Mitchell of Nantucket on the subject of supplying oil for the public lamps was read & laid on the Table

The Petition of the Freeholders in and about Roosevelt St praying the same to be widened, was again presented with additional signatures, and was referred to the Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance on that subject viz [320] Alderⁿ Munson—Lawrence & Mr Burtis

A Petition of the Vestry of Zion Church praying for the Ground at Chatham St park to erect a church upon—and a recommendation of said application from a number of Inhabitants—were read and referred to the Committee on public places—&c

A Memorial from the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church praying an extension of the time within which by the grant they were to erect buildings upon the lot, in Augustus Street, granted to them by the Common Council. And also praying that the grant may be so modified as to enable them to erect such buildings on the Lot as will be ornamental to the City and useful to the funds of the Church, was read and referred to the Committee on public places Lands &c

The Counsel presented for execution the deed to Peter Burtsell for Lot corner of Wall & Broad St which was directed to be duly executed agreably to the conditions [321] of sale

He also presented the following

The Counsel herewith presents to the Board a Memorial to the Legislature praying that the Assistant Aldermen, the Constables & Marshalls and the Clerks of the police office, in the City may be exempted from military duty; and a corresponding Bill. And also a Memorial to the Legislature praying an extension to the fire limits; with a corresponding Bill And also a memorial to the Legislature praying an amendment to the act passed last Session entitled "an act to protect the fishing in Hudsons River and to prevent obstructions in the navigation thereof"—which several memorials and Bills have been

drawn by him pursuant to the Resolutions of the Common Council at their last meeting

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

which were approved and directed to be engrossed, authenticated, and forwarded to the Legislature

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties [322] were remitted to Cap^{ns} Ingraham Nickerson & Fisher, incurred by not reporting passengers

The Street Commissioner presented a new assessment for regulating Cannon St from Delancy to Stanton St, which was confirmed and the former cancelled. He also presented the assessment for surplus damages for opening Elizabeth St which were confirmed

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully informs the Common Council, that Robert Steele, one of the original purchasors of the Inclenburgh lots—to wit N° 31. of which he at present owns $\frac{2}{4}$—is desirous to relinquish his claim thereto, on terms rather more favorable than were granted by the Board in the other cases—at the time the Common Council made an agreement with the proprietors of the Inclenburgh Lots for their reconveyance, M^{r} Steele declined to come into the measure—he now appears willing to relinquish on equitable terms. As this part of lot N° 31 is the only parcel of the Inclenburgh property not held by the Corporation and is nearly in [323] the center of the whole the undersigned deems it advisable to accept a reconveyance from M^{r} Steele on fair & equitable terms

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein

Which was approved and he was directed to take a reconveyance of said Lot from M^{r} Steele

The Comptroller to whom it was referred to report a rate of Quit Rents for the land under water on the Brooklyn shore—reported

That he has given the subject due consideration and respectfully recommends the following

For every foot of ground (to be calculated along the line of High Water mark) from this time until May 1830—10 cents per foot from May 1830 to May 1844 20 Cents per foot and for ever afterwards 25 Cents per foot

The erection of Bulk Heads & Wharves being equally as expensive at Brooklyn as in this City and the profits arrising therefrom being comparatively very small, it was deemed inexpedient to report a rate of quit rent which might retard if not entirely prevent improvements of

that nature—The revenue which will hereafter inure to the Corporation from [324] the rates herein proposed altho' low will nevertheless be considerable

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

Which was approved and the same established as the rates for the shore of Brooklyn

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

M[rs] Jones	owr }	74 Courtlandt St
Francis Levesque	occp[t] }	
John Henderson		72 D[o]
M[rs] M[c]Crea	owr }	67 Division
W Smith	occpt }	
Levi Gornsey & Nath Fink	Owrs	Lots on Ann & Fair Sts

Which were passed

The Committee on the Petition for the removal of the Park in Chatham Street

Reported That in their opinion it would be proper to have the Park or Fence removed and the ground now enclosed be properly regulated and paved by the Corporation under the direction of the Street Commissioner. And that the Superintendent of repairs have the Fence removed [325] and take charge of the same for the use of the Corporation

Sig[d] A H Lawrence, E W King, Reuben Munson } Special Com[e]

Which was approved

The Market Committee on the subject of enlarging Catharine market Reported. that in their opinion the Market at present occupied as a Fish market and running East & West, be turned so as to run North and South, and that an addition be built to the said market of about eighty feet, running North & South.

The Cost of such an addition your Committee presume will not exceed Five hundred Dollars. The contemplated improvement the Board will readily perceive to be necessary when they take into consideration the great & growing population of the 4[th] 6[th] & 10[th] Wards of our City; and that a supply of Butchers meat can not be obtained at the present markets in some seasons and particularly in the summer Season on Saturday evenings

Your Committee therefore submit the [326] following Resolution

Resolved that the Market Committee be authorized to make the above proposed improvement in the Catharine Street Market

(Sig[d]) Peter M[c]Cartee
A H Lawrence
Jn[o] B Coles
Thomas Cooper

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of owners of water Lots between Coentius & Old Slip Reported That they thought it their duty to obtain all the information they could on the subject visited the place & had conversations with several of the Petitioners, the result of all which your Committee are of opinion that to grant the prayer of the petition would be deviating from a system adopted by the Corporation for the purpose of affording a passage for the flowing and ebbing of the tide, from this view of the subject and not seing any solid advantages to be derived from a change. Your Committee submit the [327] following Resolution

Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

(Sig[d]) W[m] Coulthard
John H Tallman
George Buckmaster

Which was approved

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the disposal of the public grounds between Dey & Partition St and adjacent to the Washington Market presented a report which was read and the further consideration postponed

The Committee on the subject of Telegraphs presented a report, which was read and laid on the Table—And the same Committee was authorized to direct the further enquiries to be made as stated in the Report

Alderman Coles presented the following

The Common Council on the 18[th] of January last made an agreement with the City Dispensary, to inoculate with the Cowpox [328] at the public expence, all persons in this City, who may apply for that purpose in person or by their friends, at the Dispensary, at the corner of Broadway and Chamber Street

Long previous to the making of this agreement, the dispensary had engaged six skilful Physicians to attend such sick poor in all parts of this City as became objects for this useful & benevolent institution, and these Physicians in their respective districts, now call upon and

vaccinate, all persons for whom application is made as aforesaid at the Dispensary

Notwithstanding these measures seem so well calculated, to induce all poor parents at least, to avail themselves of so favorable an opportunity to guard their Children against so loathsome & mortal a disease as the small pox, yet it is with concern the Common Council learn, that there are children and others, particularly amongst the poor and uninformed, who are at this time afflicted with the small pox—and [329] that there are many others, who omit to avail themselves of this invaluable discovery, from a want of confidence in the cow pox preventing the small pox

It is now about fourteen Years since the Cow pock was introduced in this City, and during that period nearly all our youth have received that infection instead of the small pox, and altho' this numerous class of our Citizens, have been exposed during the late & present prevalence of small pox to its infection, yet it is well understood that none of them have taken the small pox—What a great and convincing proof is this of the efficacy of vaccination—That a solitary instance, has and will sometimes occur, of persons being inoculated with either the cow pox or small pox, and of the opperation being deceived, as to its having taken effect, either from want of skill or attention, is a thing, that the common sense of every one will see must be expected

Under these circumstances the Common Council earnestly invite all their fellow [330] Citizens to disseminate the above information, and particularly they ask it of the Clergy, the Charitable associations, and inteligent persons residing in the neighbourhood of the poor and uninformed

Which was read & directed to be inserted in the papers employed by the Board

Resolved that the public newspaper entitled " The Courier " be employed as one of the papers of this Board

Resolved that so much of an ordinance of the Common Council passed the 3^{d} of June 1813 as requi[r]es the proprietors of the Lots of ground under water, situate & fronting on South Street between Stevens Wharf and Crane Wharf to cause to be sunk a good and sufficient Bulk Head to be made & compleated on the southerly line of South Street and which ordinance was suspended in consequence of the late ward, be now carried into effect

Resolved that the Counsel report an [331] amendment to the law respecting the Park so as to extend the provisions thereof to the grounds at the Battery

The following was presented & agreed to

Whereas the Common Council heretofore granted a Room in the City Hall to S Gould for the purpose of keeping a public law Library, and whereas the said S Gould has for sometime past ceased to occupy it for that purpose Therefore

Resolved that the permission so granted to the said S Gould be and the same is hereby revoked—And that the said room be appropriated for the use of the Committees of this Board

The Petition of Messrs Lynch & Clark praying to be permitted to erect a small Edifice near the Hall for the purpose of selling Soda Water was called up. Alderm Lawrence moved that the prayer thereof be granted. Mr Lorillard moved the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to permit any part of the public ground in the vicinity of the City Hall to be occupied by individuals [332] for the purpose of purchasing or selling any articles and the Street Commissioner be instructed to direct such persons as have any buildings erected for such purpose to have the same removed on or before the first day of October next

The question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative

The Law in relation to streets read at last meeting was called up and it was referred to the Counsel to draft a Memorial & Bill to remedy the inconvenience proposed to be remedied by the said Law.

The Petition of Messrs Griswold & Storm was called up and referred to the Committee on Laws

The Comptroller stating that he had received Sealed proposals for the contracts of the Street manure and for the Hay Scales which were ready to lay before the Board Whereupon the

Doors were closed

[333] The Board proceeded to open the proposed Contracts for the Street manure and after examining the same, It was Resolved that the Street manure for the Eastern District be leased for the period of Two years to Waters Furman for the sum of $8850. Resolved that the Street Manure for the Western District be leased to Charles Dobbs for two years for the sum of $9150—sufficient security to be approved by the Comptroller for the faithful performance of the contracts to be given by the said parties

The proposals for the Hay Scales were also opened. When it was resolved that the Hay Scales at Duane St be leased to Joseph Crowell for the term of three years at $825 per annum

It was also Resolved that the Hay scales at White Hall Slip be

leased to Garrit Walgrove for one year at $250 security to be given by the above persons for the fulfilment of their contracts

The Street Commissioner presented the following

The Street Commissioner begs leave to [334] state to the Hon[l] the Common Council that in pursuance of an ordinance passed by your Board, He received proposals for regulating Washington St from Charlton St to the State Prison, But before contracts were entered into, M[r] Jn[o] J Astor prefered a claim to so much of the ground of said Street as passed through his property, stating that he had purchased of the Corporation of Trinity Church all the land including the Street from Greenwich St to high water—and which by the letter of his deed appears to be the fact, the undersigned would therefore suggest the propriety of having Washington Street opened through the grounds of M[r] Astor by a due course of law and that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take measures accordingly

(Sig[d]) Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

Which was approved and the Counsel directed to take The legal measures for carrying the same into effect

The Committee on the Petition for opening Beekman St reported, That they have maturely considered the subject, & are unanimous of opinion that the extending of Beekman St [335] will be a public improvement, by opening a direct communication to the River, as well as tend to enhance the value of the property in Beekman Street, and in the vicinity. They would therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take proper measures for obtaining the ground requisite for that purpose, as particularly described on the plan (now before the Board)

(Sig[d]) John M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

Which was approved, and the Counsel was directed to take legal steps for carrying the same into effect

The Comptroller Reported.

Cash in the Treasury	$11209.49
Warrants not presented	3519.05
	7690.44

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	670.25
Farrington & Tobias	D[o]	621.25
Vandyck & M[c]Laughlin	D[o]	339.50
Mandeville & Dobbs	D[o]	498.75

P Aymar collector of the Corporation Revenue 1 Qr to 5th Inst.....	205.50
[336] B Hicks 1 Mo Salry to 15 Inst.....	58.00
M Ackerman Keepr Potters Field to 1 It.....	43.75
G Sneethen Supdt Lamps to 5 Inst.....	522.81
R F Watson 10 casks Lamp oil.....	722.50
H Brush repairs to Pumps.....	41.00
Jno Combs Do Do	19.35
T & G Lovett 4th Instmt Bulk head at Catharine Slip.....	1998.00
A Smyth on acct regulating Washingn St.....	500.00
Thos Scott Do pav'g Broadway	600.00
James Spragg, Do Goerck St.....	300.00
R Moran Do Do Murray St.....	174.00
R Furman for Alms House.....	5000.00
	$12314.56
Balance.....	

[337] In Common Council March 25 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
John B Coles	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthony L Underhill
Augustine H Lawrence	Elisha W King
Peter McCartee	Gideon Tucker
William Coulthard	Daniel E Tylee
Nicholas Fish	Asa Mann
Reuben Munson	Arthur Burtis
	John J Tallman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Elishu Haight for appointment of measurer of grain &c was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of George Austin for permission to construct a Vault at No 56 Frankfort St was read & granted on the usual terms

[338] A Petition of John Jones for permission to construct a Cistern in the Street at No 78 Front Street, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petition on condition that the Cistern be built of brick or Stone & arched over

A Memorial from the Society for the relief of Indigent French Refugees praying the usual grant of $250. to aid them in their benevolent purposes was read & resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted and that a Warrant issue for $250—for their aid in the present year

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Sloat Lane praying a Watchman to be stationed there for the protection of their property was read & referred to the Watch Committee

Petitions were received from the following Butchers for Stalls, were read and referred to the Market Committee. Viz Cornelius King —Albert Fisher—Nicholas Dean [339] Henry Singer—Jonathan Skillman—John Scott—Adam Bennet John Valentine Nazarath B Vermylier. Adam Dobbs John P Harmony John A Martin—James Marsh —John Carpenter—Thomas Place Jun^{r}—Andrew Smock—Jacob Acker William Bowen—Lawrence Martin—James Sullivan—Matthew Vogal Stephen Burdett Jun^{r} William Messerve Nathaniel Cromner—George W Varrian and Jacob Harriott

A Memorial of James Taylor praying, for reasons therein stated that the license to J C King as a Butcher may be revoked—was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Communication from Isaac Valentine J^{r} offering a rent of forty Dollars per annum for the period of three years for the Hay Scales at Gouverneurs Slip was read & the terms accepted

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 21 for an encrease of men to be attached to the Company, was read and referred to the Chief Engineer

[340] A Communication of Andrew Mitchell on the subject of Andrew Melvills machines for producing Gaz lights—was read and referred to the Lamp Committee and the Committee on arts and Sciences

A Communication of Edward Charles Genet on the subject of a parabolic Lamp and of an invention for separating all heterogenous matter from all kinds of animal oil & producing a pure & fluid oil not affected by cold was read and referred to the same Committee

A Petition from the measurers of Lime for an encrease of their fees was read and referred to the Committee on the Petition of the Cartmen vz Alder^{n} Mapes M^{c}Cartee Mann M^{r} Tucker M^{r} Underhill

A Petition of Robert Wilson to erect a lime House in Hester St was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

[341] A Petition that Hubert Street may be raised and regulated was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Communication was received from Richard Varick Esq^{r} stating that he has been informed that suggestions have been made that tho^{t} he had sold to the Corporation all the lands lying on the Westerly side

of the middle of Washington St and extending at right angles Northerly from the middle of Dey Street continued one hundred and eighty feet six inches, to wit to a point fifteen feet into Partition St continued, And also all his right to the lands lying South of the middle of Dey St aforesaid at right angles Southerly one hundred & twenty feet and west of the middle of Washington Street aforesaid Yet that he reserves or holds a claim to some part of those lands so sold and conveyed by him to the Corporation. these suggestions he declares utterly unfounded, and gives a statement of his title to the grounds sold by him to the Corporation. The same having been read it was ordered that the said Communication be [342] filed in the office of the Comptroller with the Title Deeds of that property

A Remonstrance of sundry Cartmen against the ordinance lately passed for the removal of dirt from the Streets and praying the same to be repealed, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th & 10th Wards

A Petition of Henry Marsh one of the Lessees of the Flag Staff praying to be permitted to assign his interest in said lease to Hathaway and to be exonerated from the performance of the conditions of the said Lease. Ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner on sufficient security being given by the Lessee

A Petition was received from Charles Smyth for Lessee of Public Wharves & Slips praying the attention and decision of the Common Council upon a Petition presented by him on 20th March 1815 on the subject of rent due from him and Soliciting an [343] abatement of the same. Which being read was referred to Alden McCartee Alden Munson Alden Mapes

A Petition of Robert Bogardus and sundry other Proprietors of ground, including Dover Street on the south side of Water Street formerly granted by the Corporation—stating that a portion of the ground has for a number of years been used as a public Street—that they have not withstanding paid the quit rent reserved, and praying it may be referred to the Comptroller to adjust the same and with permission to them to commute for the quit rent. Ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller with authority to adjust the same with the Petitioners agreably to their request

A Memorial of James H Maxwell was received offering for sale to the Corporation a Lot of ground on Long Island opposite Horns Hook ferry &c referred to the Ferry Committee

A Memorial of Cornelius Bogert was received [344] complaining of the pavement of the side walks in Cedar St as dangerous to carriages and also of Posts erected whereon Chains are suspended to prevent the passage of carriages during divine Service on Sundays, the same being in his opinion placed injudiciously, and requesting their removal to a line with the ground of the Churches—Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 5.

James Oliver, Hatter. 78 Warren St 5 Wd vice Jno Haines resgd

No 6.

Conrad Brooks, Shoe store, 212 Greenwich, 3d Wd
vice Matthew Dubois Do

No 13.

Abraham Franklin, Auctr & Comsr mercht, 214 Pearl St 2d Wd
vice Jotham Smith Do

A Petition that Franklin Street may be opened to orange St was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

The City Inspector Reported ordinances [345] for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Henry Rutgers	Lot No 31.	Henry St
Henry White	Cr	Franklin & Elm "
Peter Hull	113	Chapple Do
	115	Do Do
Price	owr	Cr Bancker & Catharine St
King & Dodge	occpt	
T Gibson	owr	50 Do
Thos Miller	occpt	
Stephen Parrott	Lessee	58 Do
Jomes McCarroll	occpt	
Stephen Parrott	Lessee	56 Do
James McLaughlin	occpt	
McNally	owr	44 Do
R Taylor	occpt	

Which were passed

The Mayor communicated a Report made by the Secretary of War of the U S. to the Senate on the reference to him of the Memorial of the Corporation to Congress praying reimbursement of monies paid by

them for injuries sustained by the proprietors of grounds in the erection of Fortifications during the late war. The substance of the [346] Secretary's Report was "That the records of the War Department furnished no evidence to prove that the fortifications from which the claim of the memorialists had resulted were constructed by the orders of this Department or of the General officer commanding in the Military department in which the City of New York is situated" Whereupon the said communication was referred to the Committee of Defence

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Elkanah Underhill Reported That from the peculiar situation of Mr Underhill's House it can be no disadvantage to any person or their property for it to remain in its present situation for a short time, as the Avenue will still be 104 feet wide at that corner—as Mr Underhill has received but a moderate award for his damages, it will be a favor to him to let it remain, without being a detriment to any

The undersigned therefore respectfully recommends, that the time for the removal of said House be extended to the first of May

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

[347] Which was approved

Upon the Petition to regulate Leonard St he also Reported. That having examined the situation of Leonard Street, is of opinion that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted, and would recommend that directions be given to have the part belonging to the Corporation filled up (as they own 7 Lots out of 11) and that the other proprietors be notified to fill up in front of their respective Lots

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was approved & he directed to carry the same into effect

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Desbrosses St from Sullivan to Varrick which was passed—and Ezekiel Bishop Aquila Giles & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on assessments for paving Orange St—for paving Rynder St and for a Well & pump in Pearl St—and Warrants were ordered to issue to the collectors for collecting the same

[348] The Committee on public Lands & places on the Petition of the Trustees of Zion Church Reported That the Petitioners are desirous of obtaining from the Corporation permission to erect upon the Public square at the junction of the Bowery & Chatham Street a

Church for the use of the Congregation they represent, upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon

Your Committee have met the Petitioners and after hearing them are of opinion that it would be against the public interest and inexpedient to grant the prayer of the aforesaid Petition

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} B Coles
A H Laurence
Nich^{ls} Fish
Arthur Burtis

which was approved

The Counsel agreably to directions reported "A Law relative to the Park Bowling Green & Battery" which was passed

The Counsel agreably to order presented [349] a Draught of a memorial to the Legislature praying legislative aid in providing indemnity for damages done to buildings upon the opening or improving streets, and a corresponding Bill—which were approved and directed to be engrossed, duly authenticated, and forwarded to the Legislature

The Counsel of the Corporation presented to the Board for execution a lease to Rodman Bowne for the Ferry from Catharine Slip to Brooklyn for the term of eight years from the first day of May 1819 at the yearly rent of one thousand two hundred and fifty Dollars—which Lease has been drawn pursuant to the resolution of the Common Council on 27th June 1814 and in conformity with instructions given by the Ferry Committee. It will appear by a Resolution of the Common Council on 24th April 1815 that a sum not exceeding $6000 was agreed to be loaned by the Board to M^{r} Bowne to enable him to make the improvements mentioned in the Report of the Ferry Committee on 24th June 1814, upon M^{r} Bowne executing bonds with sufficient surety to repay the amount [350] of the loan by equal yearly installments with legal interest during the continuance of this lease; By which Resolution the Counsel is informed by the Chairman of the Ferry Committee it was intended to apportion the said repayment into eleven equal installments viz for the three years of his unexpired Lease and the eight years of the extended Lease—The Expense of making the said improvement has been now ascertained to amount to $4408.32, and the payment of this sum which would have been payable by the Common Council has been assumed by M^{r} Samuel Bowne (a surety approved by the Comptroller) for the repayment thereof in the manner above mentioned. The order for this lease & the circumstances connected with it having taken place before former Boards &

being unknown to some Members of the present Board the Counsel has deemed it proper to enter into some explanation upon presenting the lease for execution

(sig^{d}) D S Jones

Which was approved and the lease directed to be duly executed

[351] He also presented the following

It will be recollected by the Common Council that a grant for a Water Lot on Hudson River was executed by the Board on the 23^{d} day of October last in favor of Mess^{rs} Elbert Anderson & David Board—Upon examination of the grant Mess^{rs} Anderson & Board objected to the Rent, as being incorrectly fixed according to the ordinary rates and upon re-examination the Comptroller has satisfied himself that the objection of the grantees is well founded

The Comptroller has accordingly furnished to the Counsel a new and correct statement of the rents, and requested the grant to be made out conformably thereto. The necessary alterations in the former grant would deface the same so much, that a re-execution of that grant would be inexpedient; And the Counsel therefore presents a new grant for this water Lot for execution and at the same time presents the one formerly executed to be cancelled

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

Which was approved and the first grant directed to be cancelled and the one now presented [352] directed to be duly executed

He also presented a communication on the subject of cleansing the Streets and an ordinance in conformity thereto which was read and laid for consideration

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the valuation of certain improvements on Lots at the corner of William & Pearl Streets, belonging to M^{r} Leonard Fisher—Reported That they have duly *condired* [considered] the subject committed to them, and from the best information they have been able to obtain they believe that the improvements of M^{r} Fisher have been estimated at a sum much above their true value

It is not intended in the least degree to censure the respectable Gentlemen who acted as arbitrators on that occasion but it is evident they proceeded upon a principle, in estimating the value of those improvements, that ought not to be recognized by the Common Council—Your Committee feel no hesitation in offering [353] it as their opinion, that this valuation or award cannot be enforced by law. The Common Council therefore having it in their power to do ample justice

between the public and the indivividual in question. Your Committee submit the following Resolution

Resolved that a Lease be granted to Leonard Fisher, of the lot of ground situate at the corner of Pearl and William Streets now held by him, for the term of twenty one years from the first day of May next, at such annual rent as shall be determined by three reputable Freeholders to be chosen in the usual way, which rents shall be payable quarterly, and all improvements now made or hereafter to be made during the said term, shall at the expiration thereof be valued and paid for by the Corporation

(Sig^{d}) E W King
Arthur Burtis
Peter M^{c}Cartee

Which was approved and Peter Hawes was appointed the referee on the part of the Common Council

[354] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of certain persons purchasors of common lands, praying to commute for the quit rent reserved on the same Reported That the situation of said property in consequence of the barreness & roughness of soil, is such as requires every encouragement to give a stimulant to further its improvement—that the proprietors attribute its want of improvement in a great measure to the annual quit rent of four Bushels of Wheat to which each Lot is now subject, and are of opinion that if the Corporation, would commute the same on equitable principles and thus disembarras the property of every incumbrance, it would lead to a system of improvement at once beneficial to the proprietors, ornamental to the suburbs of the City and advantageous to the corporation. It will be recollected that these common lands were divided into five acre Lots—The alternate Lots were sold subject to a quit of four Bushels of wheat per annum and the others leased for ten Dollars per annum for 21 years, 11 of which remain yet [355] unexpired, now it must be very evident that whatever tends to the improvement of the Lots immediately adjoining those belonging to the Corporation will nearly in the same ratio improve those also, and render them at the expiration of the present lease far more valuable than at present

The Common lands embrace a property which it is presumed will hereafter add much to the resources of the Corporation, every encouragement ought therefore to be offered to render them as valuable as possible. The Committee are not acquainted with any measure more likely to produce that result than the general improvement of the

adjoining land. The[y] therefore respectfully recommend that the Comptroller be authorized to commute for the annual quit rent of four Bushels of wheat, on the payment by the proprietors of said Lots for a sum that will net 6 p^{r} Ct per annum, estimating the average price of wheat at 16/ per Bushel, and that the money so received shall be placed in the hands of the Commissioners of the sinking fund for the redemption of [356] the New York City Stock

(Sig^{d}) A H Lawrence
A L Underhill
J Mapes
Dan^{l} E Tylee
Reuben Munson

Which was approved

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Ja^{s} Reynolds William Ma[n]devile & others dealers in Lumber Reported That in their opinion such construction of the ordinance of this Board for the prevention and extinguishing of fires as would go to prevent or hinder Carpenters Cabinet makers Coach makers and others dealers in lumber in storing & seasoning lumber on their premises is inexpedient, and therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to anounce to the Fire Wardens that such construction of the law as is above named is by this Board considered inexpedient and that [357] they proceed under said law accordingly

Your Committee are not prepared to recommend any alteration in the law as seems to be the wish of the memorialists but would ask leave to have the subject left with them for further consideration and conference with the memorialists

(Sig^{d}) Dan^{l} E Tylee
Arthur Burtis
A L Underhill

Which was approved

The Committee of Applications to whom was refered the Petition for the removal of Tabele as Wood Inspector and for the appointment of W^{m} Young presented a report which being read was directed to lie for further consideration

The Report of the Finance Committee & Comptroller to whom were refered the subject of the improvement of the public grounds between Dey and Partition Streets on the North River was called up and being read was as follows

The Finance Committee & Comptroller [358] to whom it was referred to enquire and report whether any and what improvements were required for the public property on Hudson's River between Dey Street and Partition Street and adjacent to Washington Market. Report That they have viewed the premises procured a Map of the property together with the improvements contemplated by the Street Commissioner and which is herewith presented, and after the fullest consideration thereof do not hesitate to recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to adopt immediate measures to fill up the Basin between Dey & Partition Streets to the permanent line of West Street to cause to be erected (in conjunction with the Proprietors of the water right adjoining the corporation property on Dey St) a Pier extending & not exceeding 350 feet into the river from the line of west Street also a Pier from about the center of the said Basin extending into Hudsons River about feet and to prolong the present Piers in front of Washington [359] Market to correspond with those first mentioned and further to complete West Street from the Basin aforesaid as far North as the Corporation property extends

The Committee are well aware, that the expense attending the proposed plan will be very considerable, but they indulge the hope that the improvements and advantages hereafter to be derived therefrom, will be more than an equivalent for the cost; indeed it is contemplated to make the improvement itself remunerate the greater part, if not the whole amount, which will be required to be advanced for this purpose. admitting however that should not be the case, is it proper for the corporation, while urging and indeed in many cases compelling individuals to make similar improvements at an immense first cost, themselves to be backward in improving their own property, your Committee think not, and therefore if the proposed Plan can in any manner be affected without a positive injury to the other fiscal operations of the Common Council, they deem it incumbent on the Board to commence the same without [360] delay—that such will not be the case they will now attempt to demonstrate

The whole expense of the proposed plan predicated upon data furnished by the Street Commissioner may be estimated as follows

The Corporation proportion of the Pier at the foot of Dey Street...	$7.000
New Pier centre of Dey & Partition St.....	11500
Prolongation of the old Piers adjacent to Washington Market.....	28400
Filling in the Basin between Dey & Partition Streets &c.....	13100
Total.....	$60000

The square of ground (when made) bounded by West, Washington, Dey, and Partition, Sts, will embrace twenty of the most valuable building Lots for Stores in this City, it is proposed to put on the said 20 Lots of ground an annual rent of $100 per annum and then to sell the leases for twenty one years (with a covenant for a renewal for the further period of 21 years) for the highest obtainable sum—the commanding situation of these lots will induce a great [361] competition and it is presumed that the average sale will equal $2 500 per lot or $50 000 for the whole—a sum only $10 000 short of the estimate for the contemplated improvement. it is however to be recollected that the Corporation will gain an annual revenue equal to the principal of $30 000

The Committee entertain no doubt but the sale in fee simple of the above property would produce a sum more than adequate to defray all the expense as above calculated but they deem it unwise in most cases for the corporation to dispose of their real estate altogether and thus deprive themselves of a Revenue, which materially assists in defraying the expenses of the City

Sig[d] A H Lawrence
A L Underhill
J Mapes
Reuben Munson
Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]
Daniel E Tylee

Which was approved and the Street Commissioner directed to take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect

[362] The Petition of the Hay cartmen for an encrease of pay, presented on the 18[th] December last was called up and referred to the Committee on the petition of licensed Cartmen viz Alder[n] Mapes Alder[n] M[c]Cartee M[r] Mann M[r] Tucker M[r] Underhill

M[r] King observed that the subject of affording to this City an abundant supply of pure and wholesome water was one highly interesting to the comfort the convenience and the health of the Inhabitants, That until that object was completely obtained he thought the Common Council should have it constantly in their view, and measures should be immediately pursued for that purpose He therefore moved that a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the propriety of making an application to the Legislature at their present Session to invest the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty [363] of this City with all the necessary powers & authority to carry the measure

into effect. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative and the following Committee was appointed Mr King Alderm Coles Alderm Munson Mr Burtis Mr Lorrillard

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$7078.47
Warrants not presented	308.25
	6770.22

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Acctᵉ

Hays & Bogert Watch	670.25
Farrington & Tobias "	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs "	498.75
Vandyck & McLaughlin "	339.50
Horton & Taylor Picture fram f Com Perry	115.00
Nationl Advocate 10 Mo advertisemt pr Contct to first March	125.00
P Becannon Inspr Bread to 10 Mar 1 Qr	96.62
C [J.] Richardson Reprs to Wells	39.60
G Sneethen Supdt lamps to 4th April	523.33
[364] J Meghan on a/c of Orange St	709.69
A Stagg Do Rivington "	400.00
A Smyth Do Washington	200.00
Do Do Side Walks Bd Way	400.00
Thos Scott paving Broadway	300.00
H Smith Do Anthony St	302.28
A Giles & others sundry assessments	114.00
T & G Lovett on a/c Walnut St	322.00
Sayre & Force Brass work for Engines pr order Chief Engineer	99.25
J McKie Timber for Corporation proportion repairs to Peck slip	102.57
T & G Lovett for Piers new Ferry Brooklyn	411.25
J Wallace Supdt reprs 1 Qr to 10th Inst	225.00
	$6515.34
Balance	$

[365] In Common Council April 8th 1816

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

John B Coles	Aldermen.	Samuel Jones Jr	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augus[n] H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter M[c]Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
William Coulthard		Daniel E Tylee	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		John J Tallman	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

An Account from the High Sheriff of Stephen Ludlum for surveying the Goal limits amounting to $14 was presented, and The Comptroller directed to report a warrant therefor

A Petition of William Hunter praying that [366] the Corporation will pay him the proportion due him for running out a pier along Grand Street Slip, was read and referred to the Comptroller & St Commiss[r]

A Petition of Abraham Leggett praying that Front St between Gouverneur & Walnut St, be opened, was read & referred to the St Commiss[r]

A Petition of P Young in behalf of her son John Young, and a Petition in behalf of Sellick Weed for Licenses as Cartmen they being Minors, were referred to the Mayor with authority to grant

A Petition of Abial Brown to be appointed to prevent nuisances on Chatham Park, was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Gershom Piercy, who met with an accident by a fall from a mast praying relief. And a Petition of Jas Stewart aged 75 years, who lost his all by fire praying exemption from the Taxes, were [367] read & referred to the Committee on Charity

Petitions, from Mary Beatty & of Mary Murphy praying pecuniary relief, were read & referred to the Committee of charity with authority to give relief

A Petition of Charles Weatherspoon but[c]her stating that he was about going to Europe & praying to be permitted to appoint a person to attend his stall in his absence & to supply the same with meat was read & referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petition

The following Petitions were presented, praying for stalls to be assigned in Catharine Market which were read, & referred to the

Market Com^ee viz. William Pasman, John Hiliker, John Simonson, Charles Meyer Jun^r, John Parsells, Alex^r Fink Jun^r, Frederick Henegar, Stephen Hilliker J^r, Samuel Winship, John Shaw & John A. Baehr

A Request of John Hone for permission to erect a vault on the side of his lot in Fletcher St was read and granted on the usual terms [368] under the direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition was received from Abraham Furman praying remission of two penalties of $25 each recovered against him for breaches of the Market Law, was read, and resolved that upon payment of one penalty with the costs incurred upon both suits the remainder be remitted to him

A Petition of the members of Fire Engine Company N° 38 praying payment of a Bill amounting to $21.93 for expenses incurred respecting their Engine, The Chief Engineer declining to pay the same as it was incured without previous application to him, of the necessity of which they were ignorant was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of the Trustees of the City Dispensary was read stating that the Building with which they have for some years past been accomodated by the Corporation is now from the encreased population of the City *two* [too] small for the purposes of the Institution [369] and praying the Common Council to assign them a piece of ground whereon they may erect a building. Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on public Lands and places

A Petition of Susannah Cannon Widow of Ab^m Cannon deceas^d praying that the lease of the Ferry granted to her Husband at the foot of Grand Street may be renewed to her for a further term of years was read & referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition for a Well & Pump in Bayard St and for one corner of Pitt & Stanton Sts were referred to the Alderman & assistant of the ward & Street Commissioner, to report ordinances therefor

A Petition of Jeremiah F Randolph for the removal of a Pump from the corner of Whitehall & Bridge St, which he was willing to do at his own expense, was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward to report thereon

[370] A Petition from the general Committee of the Sunday School Society for a room in the City Hall wherein to hold their Quarterly meetings which consisted of about three hundred persons, was read & laid for consideration

A Memorial from a number of Inhabitants suggesting a plan for the & laying up of a quantity of fuel to be sold to the poor in the winter season at moderate prices was read and referred to Alder[n] Coles Alder[n] Smith M[r] Furman Sup[t] A Ho

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants of the 8[th] Ward against the law prohibiting the Depositing of Manure was read. Whereupon on motion the Committee to whom that subject was referred was discharged from any further consideration of the same

A Law was then introduced entitled "a Law to repeal the law entitled a Law for the more effectual removal of filth [371] and dirt from the City of New York" which was read by paragraphs and passed

A Letter was received from Abner Curtis Register of Dogs, requesting leave to resign his office which was laid for consideration

The following communication was received from the Loan Officers To the Honorable the Corporation of the City of New York.

The undersigned, the new Loan Officers of the County of New York respectfully represent that John Sherman on the 8[th] day of May 1799 mortgaged to the said new Loan officers eleven acres and ninety square rods of land lying on the Banks of Harlaem River, for the sum of two hundred and fifty Dollars. That the interest on said mortgage *one* on the first Tuesday of May 1815 not being paid; the undersigned as by law directed, advertized the mortgaged premises for sale at the Tontine Coffee house on the 3[d] Tuesday in September last, when they were struck off to Charles W Gordon for the sum of Six hundred Dollars. That the said [372] Gordon having failed in making payment of the purchase money, the undersigned have again advertised the premises for sale on the third Tuesday of April Inst at the same place at 1 oclock in the afternoon. Should the mortgaged premises not be sold for a sufficiency to pay the amount of the debt & Interest the Corporation are bound by Law to make good any deficiency. The undersigned have reason to believe that the premises are worth even more than the sum of Six hundred Dollars which were bidden for them by said Gordon—They therefore respectfully advise the Corporation to authorise their Comptroller or some other person to purchase the premises on their behalf for the amount of principal interest & charges ($290.50) should no person at the time of sale be disposed to bid a larger sum

The undersigned again solicit the attention of your honorable body to the case of the mortgage of George B Ewart so frequently before

called up to their attention, the amount which will be due [373] to the undersigned on the first Tuesday of May next will be

for principal	612.50
For 10 Years Interest at 6 pr Ct except $10.78. recd on acct of one of those years ac 1 Year at 7 per cent	399.59½
	1012.09½

Making a total sum of one thousand and twelve Dollars nine & an half, which the undersigned respectfully request your honorable Body to pay to them on or before the said first tuesday of May next, to the end that they may be enabled to pay to the State the amount of Interest due to them and place out the principal again on mortgage

(Sigd) Jno T Irving, J Nitchie } New Loan officers of the County of N York

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller attend the sale of the mortgaged premises of John Sherman and bid on behalf of the Corporation, to the amount of the principal Interest & charges thereon. And that the subject of Evarts be referred to him to report thereupon at the next meeting of the Board

[374] A Petition of Moses Field was received stating that he is owner of part of Lot No 18 running through from Leonard to Anthony St and that he was desirous of purchasing from the Corporation the part of said Lot owned by them

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to sell the part of said Lot owned by this Common Council for such as the same shall be valued at by two discreet freeholders to be nominated for that purpose by the Comptroller

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants & dealers in Hay praying the Corporation to run out a pier in the middle of the Slip at the foot of Gouverneur St for the accomodation of Hay & Wood Boats—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following,

John Scheiffelin	Lessee	No 29 Maiden Lane
Isabella King	occpt	
[375] Silvanus Miller	agent	Cr Spring & Orange
Drake	Do	150 William St
Robert Cornier	occpt	
John Bingham	owr	148 Do
Mrs Atterson	occpt	

Charles Cornell	owr	146 William St
Mrs Voisin	occpt	
Isaac Ammerman	owr	152 Do
Stephen White	occpt	
Isaac Ammerman	owr	154 Do
Joseph T Shippee	occpt	
Thomas Timpson Jr	owr	42 Anthony St
Gilbert Rich	occpt	
Mary Brownhill	owr & occpt	169 Duane
John Scoles	owr	next Cr Elm & Hester St
Alexr L Stewart	Do	fronting on Chapple St
John J Astor	Do	264 & 266 Bowery
Mrs Byron	Do	Grand St

Which were passed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Engn Compy

William Patterson Coppersmith 36 oak St 4 Wd vice Jacob Morrison absconded

[376] William Conklin, Shipwright 140 Hester St 10th Wd vice Halsey Mead deceased

Samuel Brown Watchmaker 350 Pearl St 4th Wd vice Quincy Degrove resigd

Hook & Ladder Compy No 3

Alexander Welsh, chair maker, Vandam St 8 Wd vice John Brower deceased

Hook & Ladder Compy No 1

Nathaniel P Watson. Pump maker 7 Rose St 4th Wd vice Wm Gibbons resigned

Hugh Aikman, Cooper 56 Gold St 2d Wd vice Andrew Mather resigd

Fire Engn Compy No 33.

John M Hartshorne Boat builder, Water St 7 Wd vice Wm Green resigned

George Arrowsmith, Blacksmith Cr Montgomy & Cherry 7 Wd vice E Palmer resigd

James Reynold, Shipwright Water St 7th Wd vice John Leveredge resigd

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the following assessments

For a Drain in Frankfort St
" Paving Broad way from Vesey to Duane St
" Repaving Pearl St near Elm St
" Regulating & paving Murray St
" [377] opening 28 St from 9th avenue to the North River
" a Well & pump in Duane St
" Regulating & paving Anthony St from near Elm to Collect Street

(Sigd) Jno McComb, St Comssr

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for collecting the same

A Recommendation in favor of Jacob Tabele wood Inspector, was read & referred together with a report of the Committee of Applications to the same Committee

The Street Commissioner upon the Petition for regulating & paving Franklin St, between Broad way & Elm St reported in favor of the same, & reported an ordinance agreably thereto, which was passed, and Ezekiel Bishop, Aquila Giles, & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

Upon the Petition for regulating Hubert St from Hudson St to the River, he reported favorably, and presented an ordinance for the same, which was passed & William Stillwell, Aquila Giles, & Charles Stewart [378] were appointed assessors

He also presented the assessment for the surplus Damages of the Eighth Avenue, which was confirmed

He also presented assessments for regulating Desbrosses St and for surplus damages in widening & improving Chappel St at Leonard St, which were confirmed

The Counsel presented for execution the following leases for the cellars under Washington Market, to the following persons, mentioned in the Comptrollers report, on 26 Feby last, or to their nominees approved of by the Comptroller viz

Cellar No 1. John Van Tassel
" 2 Solomon Wright
" 3 James Owens
" 4 Christian Harriot
" 5 Charles Denison
" 6 Bartholemew Granger
" 7 Robert Cummings

Cellar N° 8 Peter Kelly
" 9 Cornelius King
[379]" 10. William Moffat
" 11 James Johnson
" 12 Henry Cochran
" 13 Isaac Anderson
" 14 Jacob Westervelt
D° under Grand St Market to W^m Ennis
D° D° Duane D° Jonas W Concklin

He also presented the Lease for the Hay scales at Duane St Slip to Joseph Crowell. For Hay Scales at White Hall to Garrit Walgrove At Gouverneurs Slip to Isaac Valentine—The counterparts of which have been duly executed and the Security given & approved by the Comptroller

He also presented the contracts with Mess^rs Dobbs & Furman for the Street Manure, the counterparts of which had been duly executed & Securities given & approved by the Comptroller

He also presented a Water Lot grant to Henry Heiser, for a Lot on the North River agreably to directions received from the Comptroller and according to the established rates. Whereupon the aforesaid several [380] Leases, Contracts & grant[s] were directed to be duly executed

Upon the Petition for opening Franklin St to Orange St The Street Commissioner Reported. That so much thereof as respects the regulation of the Street, he would [like] to have carried into effect, and accordingly herewith presents the Draft of an ordinance for that purpose—And that part of said petition which respects the opening of the Street through the ground of Dominick Lynch about 60 feet to Orange St, He would suggest the propriety of referring to the Corporation Attorney, with instructions to proceed therein in the usual way

(Sig^d) Jn° M^cComb St Com^sr

Which was approved. The ordinance he presented was passed. and Ezekiel Bishop Aquila Giles & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors

The Counsel was directed to take the necessary legal measures, for opening that part of the Street agreably to the Report of the Street Commissioner

[381] The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board, an authenticated copy of an act of the Legislature entitled " An act to

vest certain lands in the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York" And an authenticated copy of another act of the Legislature entitled "an act to authorise the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to extend Hudson's Street to the 9th Avenue

The Title of this last act explains its object, the other is the Beekman Slip Market Law, both of these acts require an order from the Board preparatory to an application to the Court for the appointment of Commissioners. The Board having heretofore directed these improvements the Counsel presumes the orders to be matters of course, but they are necessary under the terms of the Laws.

(Sigd) D S Jones

Whereupon the Counsel was directed to take the necessary legal measures to carry into effect the provisions of the said several laws

[382] The Committee on applications on the Petition of Josiah Smith for appointment of Measurer of grain &c reported in his favor, which was approved & he was appointed to said office

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully represents that Patrick McKay, the Lessee of a Lot of ground in Augustus Street, is indebted to the Corporation for 3 Years ground rent at the rate of $100 per annum, that the lot is yet vacant & that Mr McKay is insolvent—and that there is no prospect of obtaining the arrearages of rent from him. Mr W A Burtis who owns the adjoining property is willing to take the lot from Mr McKay and pay the back ground rent provided the period within which, he may be required to erect fire proof buildings thereon be extended three years as he does not wish to be under obligation to build at this time, when labor & materials are very high. The undersigned not having it in his power to agree to an [383] assignment with that condition respectfully requests the decision of the Common Council

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to transfer the lease to William A Burtis, upon the terms mentioned in his Report

The Committee on the Petition of the licensed Cartmen presented a report which was read and the consideration postponed The Clerk was directed to cause 50 copies to be printed for the use of the members

The Chief Engineer to whom was referred the Petition of Fire Engine Company No 21 praying an encrease of Firemen to their Company, reported in favor of the Petitioners, which was approved

The Committee on public Lands & places to whom was referred the Petition of the Proprietors of the late Government House *House* Lots fronting on the Bowling green presented a report which was referred back to them for further consideration

[384] Resolved that the public Wharves & Slips be leased for the term of one year from the first of May next, and that the Comptroller advertise for sealed proposals for the same

Resolved that for the accomodation of the public the consent of the Common Council is hereby given. That the Paules Hook Steam Boat ferry Company should permit one of their Steam Boats to ply for a few days between Beekman Slip & Brooklyn during the time the Steam Boat Nassau is laying up under the necessary reparation

Resolved that the City Watch under Farrington & Tobias be allowed for extra services in Watching at the late fires on 27 & 29th March last the sum of $85.75 and that the same be added to the present Watch account, & a Warrant issue therefor

The following was presented

Whereas it is represented that Leonard Fisher is dissatisfied with the appraisment [385] of the Building in Pearl St adjoining the corner of Pearl & William Streets, wherefore Resolved that the persons appointed or to be appointed by virtue of the Resolution of this Board to appraise the yearly value of the Lot on the corner of Pearl & William Street for 21 Years from the 1st May next, shall also be authorised if the said Leonard Fisher desire it to estimate the value of the Building on the said Lot next to the corner of William Street in Pearl St whose decision shall be obligatory on this Corporation & the said Leonard Fisher.

Which was agreed to and the Counsel was directed to draw the Arbitration Bonds and the same to be executed during the recess of the Board

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	19299.94
Warrants not presented	2482.85
	$16817.09

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	670.25
Farrington & Tobias Do	621.25
[386] Mandeville & Dobbs Watch	498.75
Vandyck & McLaughlin Do	339.50

J Morton City Inspr & Clerk to 8th Apl	437.50
J Tallman asst Do 2 Mo to 1 Do	120.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters Field to Do	46.50
W McIntosh Street Inspr Do	52.00
H W Peckwell Do Do	52.00
C E Duncan Do Do	52.00
Wm M Summers Inspr Bread to 5 Apl	98.20
R Graham for enforcing sunday law	24.00
B Hicks 1 Mo Services to 15th Inst	62.00
The Columbian in full to 1 Apl	121.25
Robt Marsh reprs to Battery	16.31
The Aldermen attends Court Sessions from August 1815 to May 1816 inclusive	864.00
J Smith reprs to Engines certified by Chief Engineer	812.75
R T Watson 8 casks Lamp oil	712.13
Barker & Hopkins 7 Do Do	886.00
A Smith regulating Washington St	1000.00
Thos Scott on a/c Broadway	500.00
R Moran Do Murray St	220.00
G Hatfield Do Grand St	150.00
T & G Lovett 2d Instlmt fills Albany Basin	2186.25
R Furman Treasurer for account of the New Alms House &c	5000.00
[387] J Wallace Supdt repairs for Cathaine Market &c &c &c	800.00
F B Winthrop one Qrs advance for the Kine Pock institution	250.00
W Fish for 13 Dividend on N Y City Stock	10500.00
	$27092.64
Balance	$

[388] In Common Council April 9th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

John B Coles Jonas Mapes Augustine H Lawrence William Coulthard Peter McCartee George Buckmaster Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen.	Samuel Jones Jr Jacob Lorillard Anthy L Underhill Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Daniel E Tylee Arthur Burtis John Tallman Thomas Cooper

Assistants

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Elbert Anderson in behalf of himself and owners of Lots No 3. 4. 5 late Government House Lots fronting the Bowling green for permission to erect vaults in the Street in front of the said Lots, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant [389] the prayer of Petitioners

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Harriet Fulton and others proprietors of lots fronting the Bowling Green reported. That they have had the subject matter of the petition under consideration and have heard the Petitioners thereon and are of opinion, and recommend that the priviledge be granted to the Petitioners to enclose and occupy during the pleasure of the common Council so much of the public Street in front of their Lots as shall be agreed upon by them and the Street Commissioner not exceeding 30 feet at the greatest extent in front of the said Lots, and to be so enclosed as to correspond in the form the whole shall take to the swerve of that part of the bowling green fence fronting the same—upon condition that the occupants shall from time to time conform to any ordinances or rules the Common Council may make in relation to the uses and purposes to which the said part of the Street so to be enclosed or [390] occupied may be applied & the manner in which the same shall be used or improved, and provided a Map or Plan of the part of the Street so to be enclosed with the railings and their appendages be first approved by the Street Commissioner & filed in his office and that the whole be enclosed at the same time, and provided further that the said priviledge shall not confer on the applicants any right to make vaults under the said part of the said Street so to be enclosed or occupied, or otherwise to use the same or the ground under the same for any purpose not authorized and sanctioned by the Common Council

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} B Coles
S Jones J^{r}
Nich^{ls} Fish
A H Lawrence
Arthur Burtis

Which was approved on condition that a copy of the said report with the Map or Plan therein mentioned [391] be made and the different proprietors of the said Lots do signify their assent and agreement to said arrangement by signing and duly acknowledging the same, and causing the same to be recorded in the office of the Register of the City & County of New York

On motition of alder^{n} Munson

Resolved that the well which is in the middle of Suffolk St near Hester St be removed to where the pump now stands

This being the period prescribed by law for the appointment of Inspectors for the annual State and Charter Election the Board proceeded to Ballot for the said Inspectors when the following persons were chosen for the respective Wards of the City.

First Ward	Samuel Boyd John Nitchie Thomas Storms	Sixth Ward	Isaac S Douglass John Baker Richard L Walker
Second Do	John W Mulligan Joseph Curtis Elias Nixen	seventh Do	Beal N Lewis Henry S Brooks Phelix Cunningham
[392] Third Ward	John Bogert Andrew Raymond Daniel D Smith	eighth Do	James R Manley Edmund Kirby Tunis Van Pelt
Fourth Do	Joel Post Eldad Holmes Hugh McCormick	ninth Do	Dirck Ten Boeck William Brady Samuel Bradhurst
Fifth Do	Martin S Wilkins Alexander Hosack John Morss	Tenth Do	Stephen Kingsland Jeremiah Lounsburry Peter Ogilvie

The Committee on the Fire Department [393] presented the following

The Committee on the Fire Department after mature deliberation are of opinion that it would be advisable to purchase of Mr John Suydam a Lot of ground owned by him in Beaver St, said Lot contains thirty to thirty one feet on Beaver and marketfield Streets, respectively and fifty feet in depth—which may be purchased at two hundred Dollars per foot measured on one of its points

Your Committee therefore ask leave to purchase the same for the purpose above referred to

(Sigd) Daniel E Tylee
Arthur Burtis
A L Underhill

Which was approved and they were directed to make the purchase accordingly

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

APRIL 22, 1816 TO NOVEMBER 18, 1816

[1] In Common Council April 22d 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jr	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
William Coulthard		Daniel E Tylee	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		John J Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Warrant was ordered to issue in favor of E Jennings for the sum of $1500 on account of contract for opening 3d Avenue

A Petition from Thomas Barclay for permission to erect a Vault in front of No 302 Greenwich St, and of John T Irving for Vault in Nassau St, were referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant on the usual terms

A Petition of Ebenezer Irving for permission [2] to erect a vault in Bridge St for holding manure in rear of his Lot on Broad Way was read & referred to the Alderman and assistant of the 1st Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of William Thatcher for permission to erect a lime House in the Street for the accomodation of a House he is building, corner of Pearl & William St, was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petition

A Petition of Henry M Van Solingen stating that he had purchased a Water Lot situated on the North River, granted by the Corporation to Arthur Smith, the grant bearing date, 20, February 1804, That the grant had been approved by the then Counsel of the Board (Mr Harison) is signed by the Honl De Witt Clinton then Mayor, the counterpart of the grant is on record executed by said Arthur Smith in the Books of Grants E page 441 belonging to the corporation and the corporate Seal is attached to said grant but from some inattention of the then Clerk (Mr Wortman) his signature was not put to the Deed, that he was desirous of putting the Deed upon the records of the City & County and to effect that it was necessary to prove the same

before a Master in Chancery, which is usually done by the oath of the Clerk—He [3] therefore prayed that the present clerk might be directed to make the necessary proof to put it upon Record

Whereupon Resolved that the present Clerk of this Board be directed to make the requisite proof of the said grants having issued by order of the Corporation in order that the same may be recorded agreably to the prayer of the petition

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Old Watch House at the corner of Wall and Broad St, praying that Watchmen may be stationed at the former scite of the Watch House was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition from Charles Wright that Pearl St at the intersection of Fair St may be raised 3 Feet was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A petition of Mary Harwood praying remission of penalty incured under the Pawnbrokers law, was read & granted on payment of costs

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of South St complaining of the disorderly conduct of idle boys who frequent the Docks in that part of the City was read and referred to the police Justices

[4] A Petition to regulate Varrick St from Lispenard to Moore St was read & referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Memorial of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Old Slip complaining of the situation of the same, and praying that it may be filled up to South Street was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves

A Petition of the Inhabitants between Coentius Slip & the Battery praying that Peter Crawbuck Butcher may be allowed the priviledge of placing a stall inside a Building for the purpose of supplying the Inhabitants with meat, was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of sundry owners of Market Vessels complaining of other than Market Vessels being permitted by the lessee of Slips to occupy peck Slip, and praying that one half of the slip may be assigned exclusively to Market Vessels, was read and referred to the Alderman & assistants of 2^{d} & 4th Wards

A Petition of George Hunter to be permitted to construct a Cistern in the Street at N^{o} 150 Front Street was read & leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

[5] A Petition of William Pye for the purchase of Lot corner of Augustus & Chamber St was read & referred to the St Commissioner and Comptroller

A Petition that Fair Street between Cliff & Pearl St may be raised and repaved, was refer[d] to the St Commission[r]

A Petition of Caleb and Thomas Coles to be permitted to remove a House from William St near pearl St to a Lot in the same St near Duane St, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of petition

A Petition of William Force praying to be appointed one of the Keepers of the Battery was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants praying that a person may be appointed to superintend & direct the lying of vessels at the Wharves, was read and laid upon the table

A Petition of John B Murray praying that a part of his House which stands in the 8th Avenue directed to be opened, may be permitted to remain for a short time was read and referred to the Committee [6] on public lands and places

A Petition from Fire Engine Company No 27 for an encre[a]se of the number of men to be attached to that Company was read and, Resolved, that they be permitted to encrease the said Company to the number of 28 men

A Petition from the Washington Insurance Company praying to be permitted to occupy a part of the Street with building materials and to construct two Vaults in John St near the corner of William St, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer on the usual conditions

The following persons resigned their offices as Inspectors of the ensuing Election and the persons herein after named were appointed in their places

2[d]	W[d]	Elias Nixen	res[gd]	John Mott	appo[i]nted
5	"	Alex[r] Hosaack	"	George Richards	"
6	"	Isaac S Douglass	"	William Peck	"
7	"	Phelix Cunningham	"	Benj[n] Prince	"
8	"	Tunis V[n] Pelt	"	Jasper Ward	"
9	"	Sam[l] Bradhurst	"	Samuel Watkins	"
"	"	Dirck Tenbroeck	"	Jacob Thorn	"

A petition of Charles W Wooster & Samuel Healy proposing to purchase or Lease the [7] Lot corner of Wall & Nassau St was read and referred to the Comptroller to report as to the best disposition of said Lot

A Letter from His Excellency Gov[r] Tompkins to the Mayor on

the subject of the account of the Corporation with the Government of the U S. with respect to the Loan of $400 000 formerly made, and of a sum of $6 000 stated by him to have been advanced to the Committee of Defence for the erection of Fort Stevens was presented and read

A Resolution was then presented by the Recorder directing the payment of the balance claimed by His Excellency—after some debate it was resolved that the Resolution of the Recorder lay upon the Table, and the communication of the Governor was referred to the Committee of defence

M^r^ Jones afterwards moved that the Board reconsider the former reference of the Governors Letter and the direction to lay the Resolution of the Recorder upon the Table, the question being taken thereon it passed in the affirmative, He then moved that the Letter of the Governor be referred to the Committee of defence & Comptroller, which was agreed to. It was then moved & seconded that the Resolution proposed by the Recorder be referred to the same committee, the [8] Question being taken thereon it passed in the negative

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder C^o^ N^o^ 2

Cha^s^ Constantine Cop^r^ plate printer 62 vesey S^t^ 3^d^ W^d^ vice Jesse Everitt lef^t^ City

Hook & Ladder N^o^ 4

Moses Latham Grocer 76 Second St 10^th^ W^d^ Vice Gilbert Lewis gone in country

Theodore Clark Hatter 461 Pearl 4^th^ W^d^ Vice William Valentine gone in Country

Engine C^o^ N^o^ 4

John Winteringham Milliner 117 William 2^d^ W^d^ vice Cornelius Colvill res^gd^

N^o^ 12

Richard Polion Boat builder Water S^t^ 4^th^ W^d^ vice Tho^s^ Hendlin expell^d^ for intemperance

N^o^ 18

Thomas Leggett J^r^ Mercht 307 Pearl St 2^d^ W^d^ Vice John R Willis app^d^ fire Warden

N^o^ 24

James Culbertson, Teacher 2 Garden St 1^st^ W^d^ Vice James R Schenck res^gd^

N° 26

Henry Martin Mason 27 Pike St 7th Wd Vice Caleb Fordon resgd

N° 40

Henry Crum H Carpenter Delancy 10th Wd Vice William Pasman expelld

[9] David Topping H Carpenter 12 Catharine St 4th Wd Vice Increase C Baker resgd

The Comptroller presented for execution certain releases, to the persons therein named for the commutation of the annual Quit rent payable on certain Lots of Common Lands by them held—they having paid the sum required by a resolution of the Common Council dated 25 march 1816

N° of Lot	By whom commuted	amt paid
132	Moses Field	$133.33
170	D° D°	133.33
74	John Mason	133.33
96	D° D°	133.33
104	George Gosman	133.33
108	D° D°	133.33
68	Charles McEvers	133.33
		$933.31

Which sum has been paid into the City Treasury, to the credit of the Commissioners of the sinking fund

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein

Which were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented for execution Leases to Daniel Fasch for two Lots of ground in Pearl St, between William and Catharine St, drawn agreably to the report of the Comptroller on the sale of the said Leases which was heretofore confirmed by the Board, which were [10] directed to be duly executed

He also presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board an assignment of a Corporation Lease from Elisha Faxen to William S Smith, and an assignment of another Corporation Lease from Patrick McKay to William Al Burtis—which assignments have been assented to By the Board, and they are now presented for execution on the part of the Corporation

(Sigd) D S Jones

which were directed to be duly executed

He also presented the following

The Counsel to the Corporation herewith presents to the Board for execution, a Petition to Chief Justice Thompson praying for the appointment of Commissioners under the Beekman Slip Market Law—And Petitions to the Supreme Court praying the appointment of Commissioners in the following cases, viz for opening and extending Hudson Street to the 9th avenue, for opening and extending Beekman St, for enlarging extending and improving Lombardy St; for enlarging and improving Pearl St & Cherry St at St Georges Square—for opening and extending Franklyn St—which several Petitions have been drawn conformably [11] to Resolutions of the Common Council heretofore passed on those subjects

(Sigd) D S Jones

Which were directed to be duly executed

He also presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board for execution four grants for water Lots at Brooklyn to Jacob M Hicks & John M Hicks, and a Grant to Tredwell & Thorne for a Water Lot also at Brooklyn, which grants have been drawn conformably to instructions received from the Comptroller, and according to the rates lately established by this Board

(Sigd) D S Jones

Which were directed to be duly executed

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Chimney Sweepers reported "a Law further to regulate Chimney Sweepers" which had at their request been drawn by the Counsel of the Board, which was read by paragraphs and passed

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Abraham Leggett Reported that he has examined the subject and finds that Mr Leggett cannot get to the front of his buildings on Front Street as the [12] adjoining ground and whole of Front Street, to Walnut Street is occupied for a ship yard by Mr Forman Cheesman—That he has had a conversation this morning with Mr Cheesman who has partly agreed to extend a cartway on one side of his lot from Water to the lower side of Front Street—which Mr Leggett will be satisfied with this year—and which will prevent the necessity of breaking up the ship yard at present

But if Mr Cheesman should refuse to grant this accomodation Mr Leggett may incur damages by not being able to comply with his engagements with his tenants

He would therefore suggest the propriety of an order being given to clear the Street of the incumbrances—from Scammel to Walnut Street—unless a sufficient Cart way is given to and from the property so hemmed in

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb St Comss^{r}

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner upon the petition for deferring the opening of the 2^{d} Avenue reported that in his opinion the avenue should be opened agreably to the former order of the Common Council

Which was approved

[13] He also presented an ordinance for repaving Chatham St, between Catharine & Mulberry St and for a Pump in Bayard Street between the Bowery & First Street, which were passed and Thomas C Taylor, Aquila Giles & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors in each

He also presented an assessment for the surplus damages in opening Hudson St from near Laight to Spring St, which was confirmed

The Counsel & Comptroller to whom was referred the remonstrance against selling the grounds in the vicinity of the Albany Basin Reported That the said remonstrance among other things, states "that the piece of ground above mentioned has by special ordinance of the Corporation been ceded to public use for upwards of fifty years, and that a recent contract with one of the owners of ground on the side of the Slip exists that it should for ever remain open to the public for their use and benefit" and your Committee conceive that the object of the reference to them was to ascertain the correctness of this statement—The undersigned have therefore diligently investigated the subject, in that point of view and have not been able to discover any such [14] ordinance as is alluded to in the said remonstrance, nor any such contract as is therein stated to exist

But in the course of the investigation of the subject they have discovered that M^{r} Nicholas Roosevelt did obtain from the Corporation of New York on the 7th March 1765. a grant of a Water Lot apparently comprising a considerable portion of the Block in question.

Whether any arrangement or bargain was made by the Corporation with M^{r} Roosevelt or his Heirs. or assigns for this property your Committee have not been able to ascertain notwithstanding the minutes of the Corporation have been carefully examined for the purpose. If the grant to M^{r} Roosevelt covers a part of the ground in question (of which your Committee entertain little doubt) and if the rights of the Grantee have not been extinguished, then a sale of the property by

the Corporation would be void as to that part—for altho' the right of the heirs or assigns of Mr Roosevelt as to the possession of the ground is lost to them while it remains in its present state, yet that right would revert the moment that the Corporation should convert the ground to private purposes

Under this view of the case your Committee are of opinion that it would be inexpedient [15] to take any further order upon the subject at present

(Sigd) D S Jones
Thos R Mercein

Which was approved

The Bellevue Committee presented the following

The Bellevue Committee beg leave respectfully to inform the Common Council that the New Alms House, the penitentiary & all the buildings connected with them are now nearly compleated and in readiness to receive and accomodate the Alms House Establishment, whenever the Board shall think proper to order a removal thereof from this City to that place

The Committee having devoted much time & attention to the public buildings and improvements at Bellevue are happy in the reflection that they have progressed with as much despatch, considering the peculiar circumstances of the times, as was consistent with the public interest and a proper regard to œconomy, and that being now nearly compleated, they appear to meet with general approbation

In making this communication to the Board they would do injustice to their feelings were they not to express their sense of the services rendered by Richard Furman Esqr who by his judicious arrangements [16] and active co-operation has afforded very essential assistance in all the details, incident to so extensive an establishment

(Sigd) Nicholas Fish
Jno H Tallman
A H Lawrence
E W King
Gideon Tucker

Which was approved

They also presented the following Resolutions which were passed

Resolved that the Chappel in the New Alms House be consecrated on the 29th day of April Inst at the hour of 12 O Clock in the forenoon and that the Revd Mr Stanford be invited to perform divine Service on that occasion, that the Members of the Board with their

families, will attend with such of their friends as they may think fit to invite

Resolved that the Bellevue Committee be instructed to take the necessary measures for the removal of the paupers & prisoners to the new establishment with all convenient speed

The Report of the committee on the Petition of the Cartmen presented on the 8th Inst was called up and was in the words follow[s]

[17] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John N Johnson, John Delezemere, and others, Cartmen of this City, praying for an advance of the present rates of cartage, and certain other regulations for their general benefit and interest. Report That they have given the petition all the attention which was due to so numerous a portion of the community, and have also had an interview with a Committee appointed by the cartmen, and after full deliberation, they are convinced that an advance on the present rates (which were established many years since, when House rent, Horse feed, and indeed most of the necessary articles requisite for the support of a family were far cheaper than they now are) is not only a justifiable but a necessary measure, and in conformity with that opinion they herewith present a new rate, which while it tends to relieve the Cartmen, does not bear oppressively on the community at large

The Committee further respectfully suggest to the Common Council, the propriety of limiting the number of Cartmen, and that no person receive a license except that he is at the time a resident of the City & County, and that in all cases a preference be given to men of families and those who have had the longest residence in the City

[18] That a person nominated by the Cartmen in such manner as they themselves shall prescribe shall be appointed from time to time, and during pleasure by the Common Council, to be called the "Superintendant of carts" whose special duty it shall be to prevent the forestalling of fire wood, the driving of Carts without a License, and without being numbered; to report to the Clerk of the Common Council the names of all Cartmen who may die, remove or become disqualified, and to keep a Register of the same, together with a general Register of all the Cartmen, their number and residence, and generally to enforce all the laws and ordinances of the Corporation relative to Carts & Cartmen

That each Cartman on receiving his License, and in the course of the month of May in each year thereafter, shall pay to the receiver of the Mayoralty fees, one Dollar each, which sums after deducting therefrom $750 per annum for the Salary of the "Superintendant of

carts" and the expenses incidental to the printing & Delivery of the licenses, shall constitute a fund for the relief of poor, infirm & disabled Cartmen and shall be placed at the disposal of a Committee or Trustees appointed by the Cartmen for that purpose, and to be by them appropriated in such manner and under such regulations as the cartmen [19] may direct. That it shall be the duty of the Cartmen to make a selection of the said Committee or Trustees, in the Month of May of each year, and file the names of those chosen with the clerk of the Common Council on or before the first day of June next ensuing

Apl 8th 1816 (Sigd) J Mapes
A L Underhill
Gideon Tucker
Peter McCartee

Names of Articles	Rate now allowed	Rates Recommended
Ale & Beer per Hhd	2/ per Hhd	2/6 per Hd
Allum & Copperas, fr 12 to 15 cwt pr Hhd	not mention[e]d	3/6 "
Do from 15 to 20 cwt above 20 cwt	" "	4/6 "
Bar Iron pr Load	2/ pr Ld	2/6 pr Load
Bread 4 Tierces per Load	2/ "	2/6 "
Bricks	2/ "	2/6 "
Do handled and piled	"	3/ "
Calves, Sheep & Lambs	2/ "	3/ "
Cider Cheese & Cocoa	2/ "	3/ "
Cocoa pr cask above 10 cwt	.....	3/ "
Clay & Sand 12 Bushels pr Ld	2/ "	2/6 "
Coal ½ chaldron pr Ld	2/ "	3/ "
Coffee in Bags or Barrels	2/ "	2/6 "
Do above 10 cwt in Hhds		3/ "
Cordage small pr Load	2/ "	2/6 "
Cotton Do	2/ "	1/ pr Bale
Dried fish loose Do	2/ "	3/ pr Load
Dye wood Do	2/ "	2/6 "
Earthen ware loose "	2/ "	2/ "
European goods "	2/ "	2/6 "
Flax in Bales & Bundles	2/ "	3/ "
[20] Flaxseed, 3 Tierces	2/ pr Ld	2/6 pr Ld
Fire wood	2/ "	2/6 "
Flour in Bags 12 pr Ld	2/ "	2/6 "
Do " Bbs 7 " "	2/ "	2/6 "
Household furniture	2/ "	4/ "
Gammons & Lime	2/ "	2/6 "
Hay, in trusses or bundles	2/ "	3/ "
Do loose pr Load		8/ "
Heading pr Load	2/ "	3/ "
Hides 50 pr Load		3/ "
Hemp in Bales or bundles	2/ "	3/ "
Loose not exceeding 12 cwt	2/ "	4/ "
Hoops & Hoop poles	2/ "	3/ "
Iron Pots or Kettles	2/ "	3/ "

Names of Articles	Rate now allowed	Rates Recommended
Molasses from 60 to 90 galls		2/6 pr Ld
Do " 90 " 140 "		3/6 "
Pearl & Potash per Bbl	2/ pr Ld	1/ p Bar
Oysters & Oyster shells	2/ "	3/ pr Ld
Paints pr Hhd from 12 to 15 cwt		3/6 "
Paints Common Load		2/6 "
Do from 15 to 20 cwt		4/6 "
Do above that		6/ "
Whiting common Load		2/6 "
Do per Hhd from 12 to 15 cwt		3/6 "
Do from 15 to 20 cwt		4/6 "
Do above that		6/ "
Pantiles pr Load	2/	3/ "
Pimento	2/	2/6 "
Pork, Beef, Tar, Pitch Turpentine 5 Bbs pr Load	2/	2/6 "
Rice 2 Tierces	2/	2/6 "
Rum pr Hhd	3/	3/6 "
Brandy small pipes	3/ pr pipe	3/ "
[21] Brandy above 100 Galls		4/ pr Ld
Gin	4 pr pipe	4/ "
Wine	4 "	4/ "
Do in Qr Casks 5 p Ld		4/ "
Sails & Slate	2/ pr Ld	3/ "
Salt 20 Bushels	2/ "	2/6 "
Shingles & Staves loose	2/ "	3/ "
Havs Sugars in Boxes		1/ pr Box
Sugar from 9 cwt to 15 cwt	2/6 "	3/ pr Ld
Do from 15 " to 20 cwt		4/6 "
Do above 20 cwt		6/ "
Wheat pr Load	2/ "	2/6 "
Cut stone		3/ "
Building or paving Stone		2/6 "
Plaister of paris per Ton		4/ pr Ton
Timber pr C feet		1/ pr C feet
Boards & plank		2/6 pr Ld
Scantling, & other Timber		2/6 "
Tea 10 Boxes	2/6 "	3/ "
For every Cable, whole shot, of 5 inches circumference to 7 inches		6/ pr Cable
for every cable, ½ Shot, of like dimensions		3/ "
for every Do whole shot upwards of 7 inches to 10 Inches		14/ "
for every Cable ½ shot of like dimensions		7/ "
Do Do whole Do of 10 Inches		16/ "
Do Do Do " 12 Do		24/ "
Do Do half Do of like dimensions		12/ "
Do Do whole Do of 14 inches		32/ "
Do Do half Do of like dimensions		16/ "
Do Do whole Do from 15 to 16 inches		40/ "
Do Do half Do of like dimensions		20/ "
[22] Tobacco in Hhds from 9 to 15 cwt		3/ pr Hhd
Do " Do " 15 " 20 "		4/6 "
Do " Do above 20 "		6/ "

In considering the rates proposed by the report of the Committee, Mr Mann moved to be added thereto " that in every case where the

allowance now made does not exceed 3/ for half a mile, there shall be allowed 1/ for every additional half mile—The question being taken thereon and a division called by Mr Mann it passed in the negative as follows

Negative. 10 Aldern Coles, Mapes, Lawrence McCartee Coulthard Fish, Messrs Lorillard, Underhill, King, Tallman

Affirmative 8. Mr Recorder, Aldn Buckmaster, Munson Smith Messrs Burtis Cooper, Mann Jones In further proceeding on the rates Mr Mann moved, that instead of an allowance of 3/ for a load of shingles or staves, that there be allowed for long shingles and staves 2/6 & for short 3/ The question being taken thereon and a division called by Aldern Lawrence it passed in the negative as follows

Negative 14 Aldern Coles, Mapes, Lawrence, McCartee Smith Coulthard Buckmaster Fish Messrs Jones, Lorillard, Underhill, King Burtis Tallman

[23] Affirmative 4 Mr Recorder Aldern Munson Messrs Mann Cooper

The rates as reported by the committee were then agreed to and were directed to be published. The 3d Section of the Report was also agreed to & referred to the Committee to carry into execution. The consideration of the remainder of the report was postponed until the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that the Committee of Defence be authorized to appoint an agent to proceed forthwith to Washington to endeavour to effect a settlement of the accounts of this Corporation with the U S. and that they give such direction to the said agent, and cloath him with such authority as they shall judge for the interest of the Corporation

The Counsel and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller & Clerk of the Common Council upon the petition of Bertrand P Cruger Reported

The Report of the Comptroller and Clerk was as follows

The Comptroller & Clerk of the Common Council, to whom was referred the memorial of Bertram P Cruger, for himself and others Heirs of Nicholas Cruger deceased, praying payment for ground taken to open a road to Hornshook Ferry. with directions to report facts [24] respectfully report

That upon inspecting the minutes of the Common Council it appears that the following proceedings were had upon that subject

Feby 19 1798 An application from William Betts for a Road & landing at Horns Hook Ferry to Long Island, was read & referred to the Road Committee

Feb^{y} 18th 1799 A Petition for establishing a public Ferry from Horn's Hook to Halletts point across the East River, was read & referred to the Road & Street Commissioners

Feb^{y} 3^{d} 1800 Ordered that Alder^{n} Post & Minthorn be added to the Committee of the Street Commissioners on the Petition for establishing a Ferry across the East River & Hell gate and opening a public Road thereto

April 20th 1801 Ordered that the Street Commissioners meet *meet* with the persons authorized for the purpose, at Halletts cove and confer with them on the subject of the Ferry near Hell Gate and report the result to the Corporation

[25] Ap^{l} 27 1801 The Mayor informed the Board that M^{r} Riker of New Town on Long Island had called on him to signify that he with others of that Township had been appointed with full powers to meet with a Committee of this Board (if this Board should be pleased to appoint one, with like powers to treat confer and agree upon terms for the establishment of a Ferry across the River from Horns Hook Point to Halletts Point or cove, near Hell Gate Whereupon the Aldermen of the 1st 3^{d} & 7th Wards were appointed a committee to act with the above Street Commissioners to meet confer and agree for the purpose aforesaid with such persons as may be appointed on the part of the Township of Newton

May 18th 1801 The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee appointed on the part of Newton in relation to establishing a Ferry from Horns Hook to Long Island Reported that they have met with the said Committee from Newtown and after considerable discussion of the subject they declined having any agency in or giving any facility to the Corporation in establishing the said ferry except that the Corporation would admit the said Town to participate in the emoluments to be derived therefrom, which your Committee informed them would not be consented to by the Corporation [26] And upon their request your Committee would make some specific proposition The[y] did propose that the Corporation should open the necessary Road upon this Island and establish the Ferry provided the Inhabitants of Newtown: had no objection to their building a ferry stairs from the landing at the road leading down to the River at Halletts cove, to which the Newtown Committee declared their dissent and that they would oppose the building such stairs Your Committee further report that Samuel Blackwell & Cornelius Rapeljie own about five acres of land which forms Halletts Point, and appears to be the most eligible spot for establishing the proposed Ferry at and that these

proprietors have proposed to sell the same for twelve hundred Pounds, which appears to your Committee to be more than the said peice of land is worth, but that it would be proper for the corporation to buy the same, whenever it can be done at a suitable and fair price. Your Committee further report that in their opinion the Road laid out near to Horns Hook ought to be immediately opened and a proper Ferry stairs erected on this side the river and that the said Ferry should be rented out for three years at the highest price that can be obtained for the same

(Sig[d]) by John B Coles, Selah Strong, Mangle [27] Minthorne, John Bogert, Richard Furman

Ordered that the Street Commissioner take order for the opening said Road making the Ferry stairs and letting out the said Ferry House agreably to the said Report—And that the Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasury to pay the Street Commissioner the sum of $375 to be by them paid or tendered to Archibald Gracie and the sum of $1500 to be paid or tendered as aforesaid to the devisees of Nicholas Cruger deces[d] for the land taken from them respectively for the said report

August 3 1801 M[r] Recorder made the following Report viz[t]—In consequence of the reference made to me by the Board I have inspected the proceedings relative to the new Road laid out over the lands of Archibald Gracie and Nicholas Cruger deceased and find them apparently regular, and conformable to the act upon which they are founded—some questions may arise in consequence of the uncertain & unequal interests which may be claimed under M[r] Crugers will, but as it would be difficult, if not impossible to obviate those difficulties—I think the Board should order the road to be opened and defend any suits that may be brought against the persons employed by the Commissioners

(Sig[d]) Richard Harison

Ordered that the Street Commissioners do immediately proceed to open and make [28] the said Road accordingly

August 17 1801. A Petition of M[rs] Ann Cruger proposing an alteration in the course of the road lately laid out to the Ferry at Hell gate, was read & rejected

Sep[r] 14 1801 It was ordered that the Street Commissioners cause a Survey to be made to ascertain if it will be proper to alter the new road to Horns Hook agreably to the Petition of M[rs] Cruger

12 May 1806 Resolved that the Dock at the Ferry at Horns Hook

be improved and enlarged so as to render the same a convenient public landing, and that Alder[n] King, Van Zant & M[r] Shute be a committee to carry this resolution into effect

They further report that it appears by a Memorandum made by the then Clerk of the Common Council that the Warrants mentioned in the proceedings of the 18[th] May 1801 were issued but they have not yet been able to find any proof of the payment. The[y] are inclined to believe that the Warrant to the heirs of Cruger was not paid, for they have received information from a Gentleman then a Member of the Board (Richard Furman Esq) that upon a request of M[rs] Cruger, that the line on the northerly part of the road might not be changed, and that in consideration thereof she would relinquish the sum assessed, the proposition was agreed to [29] and the Road was not run thro' that part of M[r] Crugers property. They would further observe that upon inspecting the City Map it appears that 86[th] Street as laid out by the Commissioners and which is yet to be opened embraces the whole of the ground for which the assessment was made, and if now directed to be opened the Heirs of Cruger would then receive a compensation therefor But as the case will probably involve some legal question they would respectfully suggest the propriety of referring the subject to the Counsel & St Commissioner

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein
J. Morton

The Report of the Counsel & St Comss[r] was as follows.

The Counsel & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the report of the Comptroller & Clerk on the memorial of Bertrand P Cruger for himself & other heirs of Nicholas Cruger deceased praying payment for ground taken to open a Road to Horne's Hook Ferry respectfully Report

That they have not been able to discover any facts connected with the said application further than are contained in the above mentioned report; and they therefore entertain no doubt of the propriety of the Board making a suitable compensation to the Heirs of M[r] Nicholas Cruger for the ground so taken by the Corporation

[30] Your Committee respectfully suggest that the mode of compensation pointed out by the said report would be incorrect for this among, other reasons, That if Commissioners were now appointed for a public Street as designated in the City Plan & if the same could be legally done still the Commissioners could only award to the owners of the ground damages for the present loss of the said ground, while

in truth these owners have been deprived of the enjoyment thereof for nearly fifteen years past. Your Committee therefore respectfully submit that it be referred to the Comptroller to adjust this claim with the owners of the property on fair and amicable terms, or to refer the same to arbitration if such reference should become necessary

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb St Coms^{r}

Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to the Comptroller with authority to adjust the same with the Heirs of Nicholas Cruger deceased by arbitration or otherwise

The Comptroller upon the Petition of A Hammond for water Lot grant Reported

That the property prayed for is not embraced within the boundaries on the East river, for which the Common Council has established certain rates & is therefore [31] [subject] to such particular rents as under all circumstances may be considered equitable

This property is besides peculiarly situated, being a greater part composed of salt Marsh and far distant from any upland, the expense therefore of making it, will be very great and no great value can attach to it, when made for a long time yet to come. To subject it to a quit rent of a large amount might retard if not prevent its improvement. Under all these circumstances the comptroller respectfully recommends that M^{r} Hammond may take a Grant on the following terms viz

From May 1816 to May 1830 20 cents per foot running along the permanent line as contemplated to be made

From May 1830 to 1844 30 cents p^{r} Foot ditto
" " 1844 1858 50 D^{o} D^{o} D^{o}
& ever afterwards 80 D^{o} D^{o} D^{o}

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein

Which was approved

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to purchase or lease a lot in the vicinity of Chatham Park for a scite for an Engine House

Upon motion David Robertson, was appointed keeper of the Penitentiary of the City of New York

[32] A recommendation signed by sundry Inhabitants in favor of Edward Hitchcock as lessee of public Slips was read

The Comptroller laid before the Board the sealed proposals which

he had received for leasing of the public Docks & Slips, for one year from the first day of May next

Upon opening them it appeared that Edward Hitchcock offered to give for the lease of the said Docks & Slips for one year the sum of Twenty five thousand three hundred and fifty Dollars, which being the largest sum offered—Resolved that the Public Docks and Slips be leased to the said Edward Hitchcock for one year from the First of May next for the said sum he giving sufficient security to be approved of by the Comptroller for the faithful performance of the contract

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$17869.79
Warrants not presented	13150.85
	$4718.94

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	670.25
Farrington & Tobias Do	621.25
Vandyck & McLaughlin Do	339.50
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	498.75
M Reid on ac/ Well Pump in Dominick St	63.03
Farrington & Tobias Watch extra services by order of the Board	85.75
[33] John Combs repairs to Pumps	37.25
Jas Richardson Do Do	42.05
Henr Brush Do Do	46.00
A Stagg on a/c Goerck St	350.00
C Mooney Do Elm St	200.00
R Moran Do Murray St	400.00
A Smyth Do Chapel St	600.00
I Halsey balc due for regulatg Bancker St	248.75
W Harrison sand & clay for Park	88.12
R Lattimore on a/c Road fr 10th av to Hudson Rvr	170.00
G Hatfield filling in Lot in Cannon St	17.55
J Daurey repairs to Battery	8.25
E Bacon Green cloth for Sup Court Room	26.13
C Mooney curb Stone in Pearl St	32.11
S McCormick himself & others work in Park	79.50
	$
Balance	$

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue

[34] In Common Council April 29th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

John B Coles Jonas Mapes Peter McCartee George Buckmaster Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen	Anthony L Underhill Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Arthur Burtis Thos Cooper	Assistants

The Board met at Bellevue agreably to the Resolution of last Meeting, when after attending divine Service in the chapel of the New Alms House, which was performed by the Revd John Stanford, the following business was transacted

A Petition of Joseph Crowell, Lessee of the Hay scales at Duane St, for a Commission as Weigher of Hay, was read and granted

A Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant praying that 9th Street may be opened from the 3d Avenue to the Bowery lane was read and granted, and ordered that the Counsel take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect

[35] The following Resignations from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election were received and accepted, and the persons hereafter named were appointed in their places

Thomas Storm	1st Ward.	Abraham R Lawrence	appd
John Mott	2d "	Brigham Howe	"
Samuel Watkins	9 "	Samuel Kip	"

An application was made by one of the Members of the board in behalf of Mrs Hunt for permission to occupy for a short time the House lately purchased by the Corporation from the Revd John Stanford, and the subject was referred to Aldern Mapes & Alder McCartee with authority to grant the request

A Communication was received from the Commissioners of Estimate & assessment in relation to the widening & improving of Cliff Street, stating that by a law of the State passed April 16 1816 the Commissioners are to obtain from the Corporation a profile or Plan shewing the intended regulation of Cliff Street and the adjacent Street or Streets as to the elevation or depression thereof &c &c and praying such a plan may be furnished to them. Ordered that the same be referred to the Aldermen and Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner with authority to cause the plan or profile required, to be furnished to the Commissioners

[36] A Petition was received from Robert R Hunter stating that he is owner of a House situated in the 9th Ward which projects nine feet into the ground taken for the eighth Avenue, that the same forms one of the corners of the House and cannot be removed without ruining the House of which it forms a part, and praying the Corporation to grant him a lease of the ground covered by the House for such period as they shall deem expedient

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on public lands & places

This being the period prescribed by law for the appointment of Commissioners of the School fund the following gentlemen were reappointed to those offices Peter H Wendover—Abraham Russell Francis Cooper—Augustus Wright and Thomas R Mercein

The Committee of charity to whom was referred the Petition of Gershom Piercy made a verbal report in his favor whereupon Resolved that they be permitted to allow him a Sum not exceeding thirty Dollars

An application was made on behalf of Eliphalet Sturtevant to assign the lease of *which was referred to the Comptroller [37] with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition

The following Resolution was presented by Mr King and agreed to

Resolved that the thanks of this Common Council be presented to the Revd Mr Stanford for his able and eloquent Sermon delivered before them this day on the occasion of the consecration of the chapel in the new Alms House, and that he be requested to furnish a Copy thereof for publication

Resolved that Warrants issue for payment of the following Accounts

Richard Varick for Bond payable 1 May	$2900.00
R Furman for New Alms House	5000.00
Do " Alms Ho & Bridewell	5000.00
J Radcliff	1750.00

Adjourned to meet on Monday 6th May 4 oclock in the Common Council Chamber

*An insertion in pencil apparently of later date reads *Lot No 2 Elm St to Henry Hamilton.*—Ed.

[38] In Common Council May 6th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt

Jonas Mapes	Aldermen	Jacob Lorrillard	Assistants
Augustine H Lawrence		Antv L Underhill	
Peter McCartee		Elish W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
William Coulthard		Daniel E Tylee	
William Few		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		John J Tallman	
		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The following Return from John L Broome Clerk of the City and County of the persons elected at the late charter election to fill the several offices under the Charter was read and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to give the persons so elected, notice to attend at the Common Council Chamber on Monday the 13th Inst at 12 oclock to take the oaths prescribed by law

City of N York ss.

By the Returns filed in my office it appears that at the late Election of Charter [39] Officers for this City the persons hereinafter named were elected to the offices set opposite to their respective names

6th May 1816.

(Sigd) Jno L Broome Clerk

John B Coles	Alderman	1st Ward
Peter A Jay	Assistant	
Samuel McCoun	assessors	
Lewis C Hamersley		
Daniel J Ebbets	Collector	
Robert Graham	Constables	
Zephaniah Brown		
Jonas Mapes	Alderman	2d Ward
Jacob Lorillard	Assistant	
Samuel Leggett	assessors	
James Ronalds		
Henry W Peckwell	Collector	
John C Gillen	Constables	
James C Rhodes		
Augustine H Lawrence	Aldermen	3d Ward
Anthony L Underhill	Assistant	
Harmanus Tallman	assessors	
Nathaniel C Griffiths		
Francis V Many	Collector	
George Van Geeson	Constables	
Joshua Greene		

	Peter Conrey	Alderman	4th Wd
	John Brown	Assistant	
	William Whitlock	assessors	
	James Hall		
	Adolph L Degrove	Collector	
	James G Ferin	Constables	
	John D Bird		
[40]	Thomas R Smith	Alderman	5th Ward
	William Stone	Assistant	
	Thomas J Campbell	assessors	
	George Sutton		
	William Berrian	Collector	
	John Striker	Constables	
	Charles E Kelly		
	William Al Burtis	Alderman	6th Ward
	Robert McQueen	Assistant	
	Alexander Clark	assessors	
	Abraham Baudoine		
	Thomas Mooney	collector	
	Dennis Dougherty	Constables	
	Edward McGonegall		
	George Buckmaster	Alderman	7th Ward
	Samuel Ackerly	Assistant	
	Michael M Titus	assessors	
	David Lyon		
	Morris Oakley	Collector	
	Robert Phillips	Constables	
	Azel Conklin		
	Arthur Burtis	Alderman	8th Ward
	George B Thorp	Assistant	
	John P Roome	assessors	
	Isaac Emmons		
	Andrew Hegeman	Collector	
	Andrew Bleakley	Constables	
	Cornelius J Westervelt		
[41]	Nicholas Fish	Alderman	9th Ward
	John H Tallman	Assistant	
	Jacob Horn	assessors	
	Jacob Hyatt		
	Francis Feitner	Collector	
	Ruben Ryder	Constables	
	Silvanus Concklin		
	Reuben Munson	Alderman	10th Ward
	Thomas Cooper	Assistant	
	John Hunt Jr	assessors	
	Walter Howell		
	John Palmer	Collector	
	Henry G Disbrow	Constables	
	James Clapp		

A Memorial of Robert Macomb Clerk of the Sessions, stating the necessity of a place for the safe deposit of the public Records of his office and requesting a Room in the City Hall to be assigned to him was read and laid on the table

A Remonstrance of Phineas Underwood against opening 9th Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Memorial of sundry Cartmen praying that the Regulation lately made respecting the appointment of an Inspector of Cartmen may be reconsidered, was read and ordered to be referred to the former Committee on that subject—viz Alderⁿ Mapes—McCartee [42] Messrs Mann—Tucker—Underhill

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants residing between Harlaem Lane & Macombs Bridge praying that the opening of that part of the eighth Avenue running over those grounds may be delayed was read and laid upon the table

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against extending Hudson St to Chamber Street, and praying the Common Council to present a petition to the Supreme Court to revoke the order made on their former petition was read and laid upon the table

A Memorial of David Barnum praying permission to assign the lease of the property at Brooklyn held by him under the Corporation, to Gerherdus C Langdon, was read and referred to the Comptroller with authority to grant the prayer of the petition

The Counsel presented a Petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners to open 9th Street between the Bowery and third avenue, which was directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel also presented a Lease to Edward Hitchcock for the public Wharves and Slips for the present year which was [43] directed to be duly executed and remain as an escrow in the hands of the Counsel until the execution of the Bond, with security on the part of the lessee

The Counsel Reported That the Arbitrators appointed on the part of the Corporation and of Leonard Fisher to decide upon the proper sum to be paid by the said Leonard Fisher for the rent of a certain Lot of ground belonging to the Corporation, lying at the corner of Pearl Street & William Street, have made their award in the premises and have decided that the sum of two hundred and fifty Dollars is the just and proper sum to be paid by the said Leonard Fisher for the rent of the said premises—And (conformably to the said award the counsel herewith presents to the Board for execution a Lease for the

said premises at and under the said Rent, The said arbitrators have also awarded that the sum of seven hundred Dollars is the fair price to be paid by the Corporation to the said Leonard Fisher for the Building on the Lot in Pearl Street immediately adjoining to the last mentioned premisses; and according to that award it becomes necessary that a Warrant for the said sum of seven hundred Dollars should be issued in favor of the said Leonard Fisher

(Sig^{d}) D. S. Jones

[44] Whereupon it was directed that the lease be executed and that a Warrant issue for payment of the sum directed by the award

The Counsel presented a lease to Thomas Darling drawn by directions of the Ferry Committee for the term of 5 years from the first of May next at the yearly rent of $100. for the first two years & $125 for the remaining three years which was directed to be executed

A Petition of George Streighthoff stating that the Commissioners of assessments on opening the eighth Avenue neglected to make him an allowance for a leasehold estate owned by him & taken for opening said Avenue & praying compensation—was read & laid upon the table

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Robert M Livingston	owr	Lots on Chapel & White Sts
John R Livingston	agent	
John Taylor & Sons	owners	Nuis^{c} 57 Maid^{n} Lane
Isaac Hall	occpt	
Abijah Arden	owr	D^{o} 14 Roosevelt St
Aaron Cogswell & Patrick Devoy	occpt	
John Juhel	owr	D^{o} 90 William St
Mess^{rs} Schuyler & Bradford	occpts	

[45] which were passed

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	16270.83
Warrants not presented	12342.38
	$3928.45

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert	City Watch	670.25
Farrington & Tobias	D^{o}	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs	D^{o}	498.75
Vandyck & M^{c}Laughlin	D^{o}	339.50

G Sneethen Supdt Lamps to 1 May				499.72
A Woodward asst City Inspr 1 Qr to 1 May				250.00
R Graves	Do St Comssr Do		Do	250.00
J Tallman	Do City Inspr	to	Do	60.00
H W Peckwell	St Inspr	to	Do	52.00
W McIntosh	Do	to	Do	52.00
C E Duncan	Do	to	Do	52.00
S McCormick	Park Keeper	to	Do	45.00
M Ackerman	Keepers Potters field	to	Do	45.00
A Rooke for signal Poles 1 Qr		to	Do	82.50
I Luffborrow for Clock in Rutgers St		to	Do	16.66
Mrs Taylor ½ Year of her pension		to	Do	30.00
C Smith Rent Courtlandt Slip		to	Do	125.00
M Reid for building a Well in Suffolk St				158.75

$

$

[46] In Common Council May 13th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt

Aldermen: John B Coles, Jonas Mapes, Augustine H Lawrence, Peter McCartee, Thomas R Smith, William Coulthard, William Few, Nicholas Fish, Reuben Munson

Assistants: Samuel Jones Jr, Jacob Lorillard, Anthony L Underhill, Elisha W King, Gideon Tucker, Daniel E Tylee, Arthur Burtis, John J Tallman

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of James Wilse & Thomas Silkworth for appointment of wood Inspector, were read & laid on the table

A Petition of Henry M Van Solingen for leave to commute for Quit rent payable upon a Water Lot granted to Arthur Smith in Febry 1804, was read and referred to the Comptroller to report thereon

A Petition from the Deputy Clerks of Washington & Fly markets praying encreased allowance was read and laid upon the Table

[47] A Petition of James Corlis for permission to construct a Vault in Greenwich St, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant on the usual terms

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller herewith presents an account Current of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation from the 1 Janʸ 1816 to the second Monday in May (the 13th)—Also an account of the Commissioners of the sinking Fund for the same period—which accounts have been presented under the expectation that the Common Council will hereafter direct that their annual accounts be made for a Common Council year—to wit from the second monday in May in every year when the new Board will be organized. Exclusive of the propriety of such an arrangement now, as the time at which the functions of each Board expires is changed (from Decʳ to May) the Comptrollers Books are more nearly balanced at that period than any other—most of the rents being payable on the 1st May in each year and the Tax for the year is made payable by the Collectors on the first Monday in May. each year will therefore embrace and have credit for its own tax

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein

[48] Dr The City & Co of New York from the 1 January to 2d Monday in May (13) 1816 Cr

To Cash pd	Interest on City Stock	10500	00	By Balo in Treasy 31 Decr 1815		46250	24
"	for a/c Signal Poles	170	00	Cash recd	Sales at auction	47310	78
"	Alms Ho & Bridewell	24000	00	"	Excise	553	75
"	Bellevue Establishment	10000	00	"	Tax of 1815 received	76226	40
"	Repairs	3301	95	"	a/c of 9th avenue	100	00
"	Police office	1487	34	"	" 8 "	1200	00
"	Lamps	10694	19	"	" 125 street	100	00
"	Fire Department	2202	92	"	on a/c improving repaving & opening Streets	33892	13
"	Comssrs Streets & Roads	1000	00	"	Jury fine Jus Turnbull 4th Wd	18	63
"	Repairs to Roads	170	00	"	Water lot Rent	790	63
"	On a/c the 3d avenue	1620	00	"	Ground Rent	5666	13
"	Charitable Instins & Donations	2560	00	"	Common lands	329	00
"	Common Schools	5024	26	"	Ferry rent	2160	63
"	Contingencies	4938	17	"	Street manure	4440	00
"	On a/c widens improv regulats Sts	94258	31	"	Mayoralty fees	464	66
"	On a/c of 2d avenue	1062	28	"	Tavern Licenses	744	80
"	Wells & Pumps	774	17	"	Rent cellars Washs Market	518	00
"	Salaries	5731	70	"	on a/c sale of old Watch House cr Wall & Broad St	4896	66
"	Watch	21490	06	"	Int on Bond pay G McKay	88	96
"	Hams Sqr Lots reconveyd to Corpn	3232	14	"	On a/c Docks & Slips	7085	97
"	Inclenburgh Do Do	4374	13				
"	State of N York interest on Bond of $30000	2287	50				
"	Balo in hands of W Fish City Treasurer	7836	88				
		$232697	37			$232697	37

Dr	The Sinking fund from 1 Jany 1816 to 13th or 2d Monday in May 1816			Cr			
To balc due Commissrs 31 Decr 1815		747	57	By Cash recd for S F Water Lot rent		890	10
Febr 6th Cash pd I Douglass for $500 City Stock		500	00	" Commutation quit rent		318	04
Apl 8	W McCall 500 @ 97 p ct	4862	12	" Market fees		2220	19
9	R Escott 500 97½	487	50	" Hack Licenses		110	00
"	A.H Laurence 2000 97½	1950	00	" Vaults		561	44
May 6	Do 2000 94¼	1895	00	" Pawn Brokers Licenses		100	00
	Balc in hands of Commissrs	970	69	" Defence Loan Bond 4000 int 410.65		4410	65
				Commutation of wheat Quit rents		1599	96
				" Interest on City Stock		1202	50
		11412	88			11412	88

The whole amount of the receipts & expenditures of the sinking fund from its commencement to 13 May are as follows

receipts arrising from Pawn brokers Licenses	2900	00
" " Hack Licenses	1335	00
" " Water Lot Grants	4519	85
" " Market fees	16540	17
" " Vaults	2967	59
" " Int on U S Stocks previous to sale	525	00
" " Int on City Stock	3587	50
" " profit on U S Stock	299	34
" " Int on defence Bonds previous to sale	230	18
" " Commutas Quit rent wheat	1599	96
" " Do Water grants	12704	56
Total amt received	47209	15
Invested in $46100.00 City Stock which cost	46238	46
Balance as above stated	$970	69

[49] Resolved that hereafter the Comptroller be directed to make up the *the* general accounts of the Corporation on the 2 Monday in May instead of the First of January as heretofore directed

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Thomas Underwood presented a report which was read & laid on the Table

The Street Commissioner reported—That the Houses standing on the Eighth Avenue and one on 125th Street have been sold and are to be removed from off the Street on or before the 1st June next, and for the following Sums—as pr the auctioneers Bill of sales

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

1 House property of Mrs Clarke.....	Sold to	Clemt Moore for..	$25
Stable adjoining	"	Jonn Hardman ...	$10
1 House property of Jacob Arden.....	"	David Sutton	$79.
Part of House late property of John B Murray	"	John B Murray...	$200.
1 House property of John Cozine.....	"	John Cozine	$100
Do Do Peter Hageeman	"	Letitia Hageeman.	$30
part of Do Do Robert Hunter	"	Rosewell Graves..	$130
1 House in 125 Street Harlaem property Zeno Weeks	"	Caleb Mudge	70
Stable adjoining	"	Do Do	10
			$654
Commissions			27
Net proceeds			$627

[50] The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating and paving Franklin St from Broadway to Elm Street and an assessment for regulating 70 Street from the 10th Avenue to the North River which were confirmed

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully informs the Common Council that there is a considerable sum due to the City Treasurer for advances made for the payment of the Interest on the New York City Stock—the advances were made with the expectation that a Settlement of the Taxes by the Collectors within the time prescribed by law, viz the first monday in May, would have placed sufficient funds in The Treasury to meet the same—a temporary advance was therefore prefered to a loan The returns of the Collectors are made & a very considerable sum remains unpaid and some time will no doubt elapse before it is, The Comptroller under these circumstances recommends that the Sum of $20000 be loaned from the Mechanics Bank for a short period and

that a Warrant issue in favor of W Fish for the interest on the City Stock due the first Day of May last

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein

Whereupon Resolved that a Warrant issue for payment of the sum so advanced and that the Comptroller borrow from the Mechanics [51] Bank for the period of Sixty days the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of paving the lower end of Murray Street from the present pavement—which was read & ordered that the Street Commissioner present an ordinance for paving the same

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller herewith presents for execution certain releases, to the persons therein named for the commutation of the Annual Quit rent payable on certain lots of Common lands by them held—they having paid the Sum required by a Resolution of the Common Council dated 25 March 1816

By whom commuted	Am[t] paid
Isaac Jones	$133.33
F Peinhoven	133.33
James Amory	133.33
James Amory	133.33
Walter Bowne	133.33
	666.65

which Sums have been paid to the City Treasurer to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

Which Deeds were directed to be duly executed

[52] Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Capt[ns] Jones & Bredin, incurred by not reporting passengers—agreably to law

The Counsel presented for execution an assignment from David Barnham to Gerherdus C Langdon of the leases at Brooklyn heretofore granted to William Willis and which were some time since assigned by the said William Willis to D Barnham which was directed to be duly executed

He also presented a Deed for execution to Moses Field for a collect Lot lately directed by the Board to be sold to him under the direction of the Comptroller—which was directed to be duly executed

He also presented Leases to certain Societies for Rooms in the Old Alms House, which were directed to be laid on the table

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following

The Committee on the Fire Department having been authorized to purchase a lot of ground in the vicinity of Beaver Street for the accomodation of Engine Houses—Take leave to report that they have been in treaty for and fixed terms for one belonging to Mr John Suydam but that in referring the examination of the title, to the Counsel of the [53] Board, they are from his opinion induced not to act conclusively but by a special report to bring the subject before the Board for final decision

The Counsel reports that there are such objections to the title of said lot as will not admit of an expression of his opinion as the law officer of the Board, going to admit that it stands correct

Your Committee: notwithstanding from the best information they can collect as well from the Counsel as other sources are favorably inclined to the purchase

(Signed) Daniel E Tylee
A L Underhill

Whereupon Resolved that the said purchase be made, on condition that a deed with a clause of full warranty be given by the present proprietor Mr John Suydam

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the recommendation of John Ennis—John A Hardenbrook & William Scherman to be appointed firewardens of the 10th Ward reported as their opinion that those persons should be appointed—which was read & the said persons were appointed

A Request of the American Bible Society to be permitted to hold a meeting this day in the Sessions Court Room in the City Hall [54] was read and granted

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$10106.14
Warrants not presented	2269.25
	7836.89
Received into the Treasy this morning	6463.40
	$14300.29

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Acctˢ

J Bedient Coroner to 1 Apl 1816 fr 1 Jany	416.11
J Leonard repots Passenger Coasters 6 mo to 1 feb	25.00
S Marks printing fr 1 Jany to 1 April	247.81

Comptroller for Inspr⁸ & Clerks Election	464.00
D S Jones Attʸ baᶜ Acct to 26 Apˡ	318.80
L Pursiany for mud machine	237.87
J Trumbull portrait of Mayor	100.00
R Marsh Work on the Battery	29.25
Furman & Dobbs for manure pubᶜ places	177.00
N Allen & 2 assᵗˢ Keepers City prison	512.50
James Shaw for census Jury list 2ᵈ Ward	140.00
F V Many Dᵒ Dᵒ 3 Dᵒ	150.00
Geo Cock Dᵒ Dᵒ 4ᵗʰ Dᵒ	175.00
J Leveridge Dᵒ Dᵒ 7 Dᵒ	220.00
J A Vanhook Dᵒ Dᵒ 5 Dᵒ	220.00
A H. Van Bokkelin Dᵒ Dᵒ 10 Dᵒ	175.00
Should be $220 as pr voucher	
Thoˢ R Mercein Compʳ to 1 May	500.00
Palmer & Hamilton 13 casks lamp oil	914.28
R F Watson 11 Dᵒ Dᵒ	973.13
Joel West 1 Barˡ Spᵗˢ Turpentine	23.50
W Brady Superintending 8ᵗʰ avenue	116.00
[55] W Brady reprˢ to Corporation Augur	24.18
B Hicks One Mo Salʳʸ to 15 May	60.00
E W Laight & others Comsʳˢ for openᵍ 8ᵗʰ avenue	760.68
L Webster reprˢ to pumps	99.56
C Mooney on a/c of Elm St	63.56
J Bailey paving intersections	175.48
J Meghan Drain in Broad St	16.31
A Smyth on acct of Washington St	1500.00
T & Geo Lovett Dᵒ Walnut St	121.86
Dᵒ regulating Pitt St	299.00
G Hatfield Dᵒ Grand St	350.00
J Bailey on a/c Chatham St park	200.00
C Mooney Dᵒ Dᵒ Elm St	250.00
J Hardman Dᵒ Roads	301.32
James R Manley Census & Jury list 8ᵗʰ Wᵈ	220.00
Thoˢ Scott on Acct of Broadway	300.00
Geo Bowman for Inspectᵍ paving of Streets	327.26
J Halsey on a/c Corpⁿ proportion Cathⁿ Slip	1604.38
J Randall on a/c setting monuments	500.00
J Wallace Supᵈᵗ reprˢ	500.00
	$
Balnce	$

The proceedings of the Board was then read [&] approved

[56] This being the day assigned by law for the persons elected to offices under the Charter, to be sworn into office, the following per-

sons attended and took the oaths prescribed by law in the presence of the Common Council

Aldermen

John B Coles
Jonas Mapes
Augustine H Lawrence
Peter Conrey
Thomas R Smith
William AlBurtis
George Buckmaster
Arthur Burtis
Nicholas Fish
Reuben Munson

Assistants

Peter A Jay
Jacob Lorillard
Anthony L Underhill
John Brown
William Stone
Robert McQueen
Samuel Ackerly
George B Thorp
John H Tallman
Thomas Cooper

Assessors

Samuel McCoun &
Lewis C Hammersley
Samuel Leggett &
[57] James Ronalds
Harmanus Tallman &
Nathaniel C Griffiths
William Whitlock &
James Hall
Thos J Campbell &
George Sutton
Alexander Clark &
Abraham Baudwine
Michael M Titus &
David Lyon
John P Roome &
Isaac Emmons
Jacob Horn &
Jacob Hyatt
John Hunt Jr &
Walter Howell

Collectors

Daniel J Ebbets
Henry W Peckwell
Francis V Many
Adolph L Degrove
William Berrian
Thomas Mooney
Morris Oakley
Andrew Hegeman
Francis Feitner
John Palmer

Constables

Robert Graham &
Zephaniah Brown
John C Gillen &
[58] James G Rhodes
George Van Geeson &
Joshua Greene
James G Finn &
John D Bird
John Striker &
Charles E Kelly
Dennis Dougherty &
Edward McGonegall
Robert Phillips &
Azel Concklin
Andrew Bleakley &
Cornelius J Westervelt
Ruben Ryder &
Silvanus Concklin
Henry G Disbrow &
James Clapp

The newly elected Members then took as follows, their seats, and the following business was transacted

The Hon Jacob Radcliff Mayor Pres^{dt}
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter A Jay
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Laurence		Anth^{y} L Underhill
Peter Conrey		John Brown
Tho^{s} R Smith		William Stone
W^{m} AlBurtis		Robert M^{c}Queen
George Buckmaster		Samuel Ackerly
Arthur Burtis		George B Thorp
Nicholas Fish		John J Tallman
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper

[59] A Petition of Isaac Lawrence stating that he is now erecting six Houses fronting on the Easterly side of Broadway between Broome & Spring St, that the two center buildings are with Pilasters, which project four inches in the Street and praying to be permitted to erect the same with such projection, which was read & granted

The Petition of H M Van Solingen was called up & referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Phebe Blanchard to be permitted to occupy the House at Potters Field was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

Resolved that the Rules and Orders established for the government of the business of the Common Council, agreed to on the 18th of December last, be and the same are hereby adopted until further order therein.

It was moved that the Board proceed to the appointment of the standing Committees for the present year, which was agreed to and the following were appointed

Applications

Alder^{n} AlBurtis
Burtis
M^{r} Underhill

Assessments

Mess^{s} Ackerly
Stone
M^{c}Queen
Jay
Lorrillard

[60] Arts & Sciences

Alder^{n} Fish
" Smith
" Burtis
Mes^{rs} Ackerly
" Jay

Bellevue

Alder^{n} Munson
Mes^{rs} Stone
" Thorpe
" Brown
Alder^{n} Fish

Canal
Alderⁿ Lawrence
" Albertis
Mr Tallman
Alderⁿ Mapes
Mr Thorpe

Charity
Mr Brown
Aldeⁿ Buckmaster
" Burtis
Mr Underhill
Alderⁿ Coles

Defence
Alderⁿ Fish
" Smith
" Buckmaster
Mr McQueen
Alderⁿ Conrey
" Coles
" Mapes

Ferries
Alderⁿ Conrey
" Albertis
" Mapes

Finance
Aldeⁿ Smith
" Munson
" Albertis
" Lawrence
Mr Lorrillard

Fire Department
Aldeⁿ Burtis
Messrs McQueen
" Underhill

Lamps
Alderⁿ Munson
Conrey
Mr Lorillard

Laws
Mr Jay
Alderⁿ Smith
Mr Ackerly

Markets
Aldeⁿ Buckmaster
Messrs Cooper
Stone
Alderⁿ Coles
" Lawrence

Police
Alderⁿ Smith
Mess Cooper
" Thorpe
Mr Jay
Aldeⁿ Fish

[61] Public lands & places
Alderⁿ Burtis
Messrs Brown
" McQueen
" Ackerly
" Tallman

Repairs
Messrs Thorpe
Cooper
Tallman

Roads
Alderⁿ Munson
Messrs Stone
Cooper
Brown
Aldeⁿ Coles

Streets
Alderⁿ Conrey
" Buckmaster
Mr Underhill

Sunday Laws
Alderⁿ Albertis
Munson
Mr Lorrillard

Watch
Alderⁿ Buckmaster
Messrs Brown
" Stone
Alderⁿ Smith
Mr Tallman

Wharves Piers & Slips
Alderⁿ Conrey
Buckmaster
Lawrence

Petitions from John M^cKibbin and David Wentworth for appointments as captains of the City Watch were read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of William Schultz was read stating that he had been at different times employed by Committees of the Common Council in constructing models of improvements which he had made in fire Engines Spinning machines &^c, at a considerable [62] expense for which he had received no remuneration—that wishing to return to Denmark his native Country and being reduced in his fortunes he solicited some pecuniary aid from the Corporation

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Simon Nathan to be employed as Auctioneer by the Common Council, was read & referred to. the Committee of applications

A Petition of Theophilus Marcelis for appointment of Deputy City Inspector and of David J Burger for appointment of Street Inspector were read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against opening 9^th Street was read & referred to Alder^n Munson Alder^n Fish Alder^n Burtis

A Communication from Charles G. Foster on the subject of gas lights was read and referred to the lamp Committee & Committee on arts and Sciences

The Leases to the several Societies presented by the Counsel this day were [63] called up and directed to be duly executed viz

To the New York Society Library
" " Literary & Philosophical Society of N Y.
" " New York Historical Society
" " N Y Academy of the Fine arts
" " M^r John Giscomb Professor of Chemistry
" " John Scudder proprietor of the American Museum
" " And to Certain Gentlemen as Trustees for the U S. Military & Philosophical Society

Upon Motion of Alderman Buckmaster the following removals were made, and the persons herein after named were appointed in their places

Thomas R Mercein Comptroller removed
Garrit N Bleecker appointed
James Wallace Superintendant of repairs removed
Jacob P Roome appointed

Charles Dobbs	Cap[n] Watch	1 District	removed	
			William Van Wart	appointed
Silas Tobias	D° D°	2[d] District	removed	
			Thomas Walton	appointed
Jacob Hays	D° D°	3[d] District	removed	
			Michael Norris	appointed
William M[c]Laughlin	D°	4[th] District	removed	
			Andrew Bleakley	appointed
Daniel Lane Assist	D°	1 District	removed	
			Peter Hull	appointed
Robert Tolfree Ass[t]	D°	2[d] District	removed	
			Thomas Pullens	appointed
[64] Morris Ackerman	Keeper Potters field		removed	
			Daniel H Magee	appointed

Upon like motion John Sharpe was appointed an Inspector and measurer of lumber

On Motion of Alder[n] Smith Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to apply to the Hon[l] the Supreme Court now in Session requesting that all proceedings relating to the opening of Hudson Street from Duane to Chamber St may be discontinued

M[r] Underhill presented a Resolution directing all proceedings relating to the erecting of a new market at Beekman Slip be suspended, which was read and the consideration postponed

[65] In Common Council May 20[th] 1816

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter Augustus Jay	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorrillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anty L Underhill	
Peter Conrey		John Brown	
Thomas R Smith		William Stone	
William AlBurtis		Robert M[c]Queen	
George Buckmaster		Samuel Ackerly	
Arthur Burtis		Geo B Thorpe	
Nicholas Fish		John J Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

An account presented for pay of Peace Officers attending at the Polls of the late Election, was directed to be referred to the finance Committee

The following petitions were presented and referred to the Committee on applications, viz

Patrick Barron for appointment of weigh master
Joseph Simpson D° Sealer weights & meas^{s}
Peter Duffy D Keeper of the Park
Rob^{t} Manning D Attorney to the Common Council
James D Bissett & michael Wymbs Deputy Street Inspectors

[66] Stephen Dempsey Ass^{t} City Inspector Bearshall Downes measurer of grain &^{c} Patrick Boyle & Israel D Palmer City Guagers—Edmund Fitzgerrald & Henry Storms, Wood Inspector, & Henry Van Pelt Inspector of pavements

A Petition of Thomas Dunning Collector of the 9th Ward praying further time for collecting in & paying the Taxes of said Ward, was read and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Owners of Lots in Water Street between Market & Catharine Slips praying that the ordinance passed 12th February last for sinking a Bulkhead in front of their Lots may be repealed. was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves & Street Commissioner

A Petition of M Ditmis offering to purchase a Triangular piece of ground adjoining Lot N° 90. of the Collect Lots & fronting on Leonard St was read and referred to the Comptroller to report

A Petition of Matthias M Brown for appointment of Assistant to Captain of City Watch—of William Peters. & John Hopson as Captains of City Watch, and of Wines Osborn, as Deputy Clerk of Catharine [67] Market, were read and referred to the Watch Com^{e}

A Petition for a Pump corner of Lewis & North Street—for one at corner of Grand & Norfolk St—for one corner of Crosby & Prince St & for one in Varrick Street between Desbrosses & Watts St, were severally read and referred to the respective Alderman & asst of the ward and Street Commissioner, to report ordinances therefor

A Petition of Adam Brown & Henry Eckford for permission to sink a pier or Wharf in front of their land on Manhattan Island, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Comptroller & St Commissioner

A Petition of John Limberger for permission to construct a Vault in the Street at the corner of Murray & Chapple St, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Petition from the owners & Inhabitants in Sloat lane and its vicinity praying that Sloat lane at its entrance into William St may be opened on the Northerly side thereof, was read and referred to the

St Commissioner & Counsel with authority if in their opinion proper to present a petition to the Supreme Court, now in Session for carrying the prayer of Petitioners into effect [68] and the Mayor was requested to authenticate said Petition in the recess of the Board

A Petition of Jacob Patchin to be permitted to occupy his former stand in the lower Fly market, from which he had been removed by the Market Committee & Petitions from William Merserve Jr & James Taylor, for stalls in Catharine Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Letter from Ebenezer Chichester resigning his appointment of Assistant to the 2d District Watch, *which* was read & accepted

A Petition of Oliver Waldron to be continued in the appointment of overseer of the Roads of the lower District was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of the owners & masters of coasting Vessels frequenting the Albany Basin praying that a center Pier may be carried out in said Basin was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves &c St Commissioner & Comptroller

Two remonstrances of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Collect complaining of the offensiveness of the present situation of Collect Street, and praying that measures [69] may be taken for remedying the same, were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance from sundry owners & Lessees of property in Mott Street & its vicinity praying that the order taken by the Board for widening said Street between Pell & Chatham Sts may be rescinded, was read and referred to the Street Committee & St Commissioner

A Petition was received from William Hunter stating that he had at considerable expense erected a bulkhead along Grand Street Slip, and praying to be reimbursed by the Corporation for their proportional part of the same—Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller & St Commissioner

A Memorial was received from the College of Physicians & Surgeons in the City of New York stating that the Legislature of this State on the 13th April 1814 appropriated for the use of said institution the sum of $30000 to be raised by Lottery. That from the vast increase of students in medicine the present buildings owned by the Institution are not sufficiently spacious and they are desirous of erecting others—that to enable them to effect this they pray the aid of the Common Council to raise by loan the sum of $20000, that for the securing [70] the repayment of the same they will Hypothecate the

proceeds of *of* said Lottery, their present buildings and if necessary, the present Professors will also add their own individual responsibility —Which was ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee, and the Committee on Arts and Sciences

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Engn Compy No 1

Rynear Skaats Porter 16 Chapel St 3d Wd vice Walter Peck resigd

No 10.

William O Smyth Gardner Bowery 10th Wd vice Fisher T Valentine resgd

No 13

Joseph Lawrence Accountant 174 Water St 2d Wd vice John Mott resgd

Jesse Delano Merchant 159 Water St 2d Wd vice Justin H Vn Hausen resgd

No 15

Jacob Frost, collecr Wharfage 34 Bayard St 10th Wd vice James Ackerman resgd

No 16

John Middleberger Soap makr 23 Nassau St 3d Wd vice Duncan Phyfe resgd

Neil G Malcolm Dry Goods merct 193 Greenwich 3d Wd vice Robert Gourlie deceasd

George Alcock Grocer 49 Liberty St 2d Wd vice Philip E. Mulherring resgd

[71] Abraham Frost grocer 21 Nassau St 3d Wd vice Isaac A Townsend resgd

John W Degraw Taylor 24 Liberty St 2 Wd vice Nathaniel S Davies resgd

No 21.

John B. Clark Grocer Albany Basin 3d Wd vice Brigham Howe resgd

Jonathan R Ward Baker 110 Mulberry St 6th Wd vice Jacob Frost resgd

Saml Dunham Mercht 45 Robinson St 3d Wd vice Thomas Thomas resgd

John Brown Mercht 30 Gold St 2d Wd vice Peter Crossman resgd

James Burr Accountant 87 Beekman St 2d Wd Vice Thomas Fardon resgd

Nathan Holden, Card manufar 42 Gold St 2 Wd

No 22

Samuel Harned Ship joiner 66 Harman St 7th Wd vice Waters Fields resgd

No 26

Miles Palmer ship joiner 181 Harman St 7 Wd Vice James Cottle resgd

Henry S Bertholf Do 5 Pike St 7 Wd vice John Delezeer resgd

No 27.

Azariah Ross. Mason Cr Broome & Varrick St 8th Wd

John Tomlinson Stone Cutter Cr Hubert & Greench 5 Wd

James Donaldson Cartman Hubert St 5 Wd

Matthew R Barron Gold Beater 434 Greenwich St 5 Wd

No 30.

Winant Stone, Rope maker 139 Mulberry St 6th Wd vice Griffith Griffiths at Sackets Harbour

[72] John Willetts, Brass founder Fourth St 10th Wd Vice John Luskey resgd

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

John R Murray, vact Lots		cr Greenwich & Beach St	
Andrew Jennings nuisc		77 Warren	St
Jones	owr	78 Water	"
E & R J Ferris	occpts		
Jno B Murray	owr	68 Warren	"
Philip Dyer	occpt		
Mrs M Ready	owr	196 Mott	"
Elias Hoyt	owr	132 Bancker	"
Allen & King	occpts		
James Scott	owr	Water	"
Mrs Clew	occpt		
Mrs Smith	owr	69 Courtlandt	"
John Segar	occpt		
Charles Smyth	owr	146 Washington	"
John Pope	occpt		
Edward Wilson owr & occpt		"	

Which were passed

The Counsel presented a report informing that Mr Daniel Fasch who purchased the Leases of the Lots on pearl St had failed in complying with the terms of purchase and he recommended that the subject be referred to some committee or officer of the Board to prescribe the requisite course of proceeding—Whereupon the same was [73] referred to the Comptroller and Counsel to take such measures in the premises as they should judge expedient

The Counsel communicated to the Board that Mr John Suydam was ready to deliver to the Corporation the requisite conveyance for the Lot in Beaver Street lately purchased by the Committee on the Fire Department by direction of the Board—Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Comptroller to make the necessary arrangements for payment of the same

The Street Commissioner presented estimates which he had received for building the Bulk Head & Piers in front of the Washington Market—which were read & laid on the table

The following Resolution was presented & referred to the Street Commissioner to carry the same into effect—Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to have the ground round the New Market at Catharine Slip raised and to cause a Gutter to be paved on each side of the Market so as to convey the water over the Bulk Head

Upon motion of Alderm Buckmaster the following removals and appointments [74] were made

John Farrington Capn Watch 2d District removed Oliver Hibbert appointed

Reuben Clark Asst to Watch 2d Do appointed

Isaac Bogert Captn Watch 3d Do removed Isaac Anderson appointed

Nicholas Anderson asst to Watch 1 District appointed in place of John Attwood gone to sea

Thomas Rich asst to Watch 3d Distct removed Henry Leach appointed

Charles Thurston asst to Watch 3d District removed John Stewart appointed

Isaac Harring Captn Watch 4th Distct appointed

Upon Motion of Aldern Munson the following removals and appointments were made

Jacob Tallman Asst City Inspr removed

William J Waldron appointed

Benjamin Hicks ass[t] City Insp[r] removed
Obadiah Ayres appointed
Daniel Cotton Inspector of Manure removed
Samuel Jones appointed
Daniel Canniff Inspector of manure D°
Seymour Sherwood appointed
Martin Myers Inspector of manure D°
Samuel Thorn appointed
Benjamin Weeks Inspector of Firewood D°
Isaac Ryckman appointed
William Tabele Inspector fire wood D°
John Van Arsdale appointed
[75] William Allen Inspector fire wood D°
John Gaffit appointed
Jacob Shourt Inspector of firewood D°
John N Johnson appointed
John Crouter Inspector firewood D°
John Armstrong appointed
Allen Boyce Insp[r] Firewood D°
Joseph D Smith appointed
William M Summers Inspector of bread removed
Abraham Brevoort appointed

On Motion of Alder[n] Smith the following removals and appointments were made

William Mackintosh Deputy St Coms[r] removed
Samuel Hutchings appointed
Henry W Peckwell Deputy St Coms[r] D°
John Smith appointed
Charles E Duncan Deputy S[t] Coms[r] D°
Jonathan Weeden appointed
Peter Aymar Collector City Revenue D°
William S Smith appointed
David Robinson Keeper City Penitentiary D°
Matthias Crane appointed
Samuel Marks Printer to the Corporation D°
Thomas P Low appointed
John Bogart Commissioner Alms House &[c] D°
James Fairlie appointed
[76] Tho[s] C Taylor Commissioner Alms House D°
Augustus Wright appointed

Nehemiah Allen Commissioner Alms House removed
John Targee appointed

On Motition of Mr Ackerly the following removal and appointment was made

Nathan Eizenhart Depy Clerk Catharine Market removed
John Bremner appointed

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$12281.61
Warrants not presented	6217.91
	$6063.70

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accts

Hays Norris & Bogert Watch	670.25
Farrington Tobias & Walton Do	621.25
Mandeville & Dobbs Do	498.75
Van Dyck & McLaughlin Do	339.50
N Allen to pay officers conveyg Prisoners	118.75
M Ackerman Keepr Potters field 14 days	21.00
Jos Varrick Inspr Bread 1 Qr to 17 Inst	98.00
J McComb St Comssr 1 Qr to 1 Inst	500.00
T R Mercein Compr fr 1 to 15 Inst	106.00
J Hays High Constable 1, Qr to 20 Inst	200.00
I S Douglas for census 6th Ward	220.00
D J Ebbets Do 1 Do	180.00
G Cock bal due Do 4 Do	15.00
S Ludlam for Map prison limits	14.00
S Walker posting Bills to 6th Inst	31.25
J Youle for Stove for Court Room	72.50
[77] W Ball reparing mud machine	235.09
Ebeneneser Allen Iron work for Do	89.43
J Bathgate Timber Supdt Reprs	107.81
S Stillwell spars for Do	86.54
S Stillwell 1 Yrs Ground rent Eng Ho. No 19 to 1 Int	20.00
Wm Stratton reprs to Wells	30.36
Peter Fenton Timber Oak St Drain	12.00
T Chichester balc filling slip Brooklyn	113.91
T & G Lovett 4th Instlt Pier Ferry Brooklyn	411.25
J Bailey Acct Chatham Park	200.00
A Smyth Pavg Instns Hubert & Greenwich St	106.64
S Wheeler & others assessg Bancker St	15.00
J P Roome Supdt Reprs to purse Lumber	500.00
	$6634.28
Balance	$570.58

[78] In Common Council May 27 1816

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

John B Coles		Jacob Lorrillard
Jonas Mapes		Anthony L Underhill
Augus[n] H Lawrence		John Brown
Peter Conrey		William Stone
Thomas R Smith	Aldermen	Rob[t] M[c]Queen — Assistants
William AlBurtis		Samuel Ackerly
George Buckmaster		George B Thorpe
Arthur Burtis		John J Tallman
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Cooper
Reuben Munson		

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Nicholas B Walsh remonstrating against carrying Elizabeth Street through, to Bleecker Street, was read & leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Letter from John Scudder proprietor of the Museum returning his thanks for the Rooms granted him in the old Alms House and requesting the Common Council to visit his Museum this evening—Whereupon Resolved that the [79] invitation be accepted

A Petition of John Hone stating that in building three Stores in Fair Street near Pearl Street, he pursued directions given him by one of the City Surveyors—that it appears from the regulation of the Street Commissioner, that some mistake has occurred and as petitioner should not suffer for the act of an Officer of the Board he prays some relief. Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner to give such relief as they shall judge proper

A Petition that the side walks of Front St between Peck Slip & James Slip be paved—was read & ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Cosine for payment of ground taken for opening 8[th] avenue, was read & referred to the Comptroller

The Recorder presented a Law entitled "a Law concerning the Board of Health" which was read by paragraphs and passed

An account for expenses incurred at the Marine Hospital, was presented from the Commissioners of the Health Office which was read and referred to the Board of Health & Comptroller

[80] The following Petitions were presented & referred to the Committee on applications viz from

Wm Egen & Ebenezer Whiting
for appointment as Inspectors of Firewood
James Coyles " overseer of Roads
Orlando Harriman, Aaron Kemball } " Weighmasters
Dennis O Harraty, William Thompson } " Inspectors Manure
John T Lacy " Inspector of lumber &
of John Utt for an office under the Corporation

A Petition of James Richardson stating that he had for a long time past been employed in the Corporation service as a Well digger that while so employed he received an injury which has incapacitated him for labour, and praying relief—Ordered to be referred to the Committee of charity

A Petition of John Van Wart stating that some years since while working in the employ of the Corporation a bank of earth fell in upon him, by which accident he lost his leg and is therefore prevented from earning his livelyhood by active employment, & praying to receive a tavern license gratis, was read and granted

A Petition of Eleazer Hathaway keeper of the Flag Staff, praying that the restriction of vending [81] small articles of refreshment on Sunday may be taken off—was read and referred to the Committee on the sunday law

A Petition of Anthony Smith to be appointed Inspector of the 3d Avenue, was read & referred to the Road Committee

The following Petitions were presented and referred to the Market Committee viz of Daniel Tier & Daniel Burtnelt for stall No 35 Fly market—of George Stagg & Henry Pessenger for a Stall in Catharine Market, and of John Pessenger to be permitted to sell meat opposite the old mile stone in the Bowery

A Petition of Nathaniel Lawrence an old Revolutionary Soldier praying for some employment under the Corporation to aid him in supporting himself in his declining Years, was read & laid on the table

A Petition for a pump in Desbrosses St & for one corner of Charlton & Greenwich Street were read & referred to the Aldermen & assistant of the respective Wards & St Commissioner

A Petition of Daniel Fasch praying time for payment of the sum agreed by him to be given for the lease of two Lots in Pearl St and offering to give sufficient security for the payment of the same was

read & referred [82] to the Counsel & Comptroller with authority to grant the prayer of the petition on such terms as they shall judge proper

A Memorial from the York & Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company, was received stating, that since the establishment of the said Steam Boats at the Paules Hook Ferry in 1804 owing to the expenses attending the same and the erection of other Ferries with steam Boats which have drawn the custom from the Paules Hook ferry, the Proprietors have been greatly disappointed in the profits they were to have received from the same—that but one dividend of 5 p^{r} Ct has been made upon the Capital and that the circumstances of the Establishment would not have even Warranted that, as it was then in debt—Under these circumstances as the conveyance across said Ferry by Steam Boats is attended with vast advantage to the community, and as sound policy would dictate to the Corporation the propriety of continuing them they would respectfully suggest that the Corporation should become the proprietors of the establishment upon such fair and equitable terms as might be agreed upon—Or that the Corporation would make some arrangement with the present proprietors as to the reduction of the rent reserved or the increase of the rates of Ferriage—Whereupon it was Resolved [83] that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of the Contables & Marshalls praying a revision of the ordinance lately passed establishing their fees upon distress for rent stating the same to be insufficient was read and referred to the Counsel

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 6 praying an encrease of six men to their Company was read & referred to the Chief Engineer

A Petition of Stephen Garthwait to be appointed Superintendent of Cartmen was read & together with the remonstrance of the Cartmen on that subject, was referred to Alder^{n} Mapes M^{r} Underhill Alder^{n} Conrey M^{r} Stone M^{r} Ackerly

The Petition of the owners & Masters of Market Vessels frequenting Peck Slip referred on the 11th of april to the then Aldermen & assistant of the 2^{d} Wards & 4th Wards was now called up and referred to the present Aldermen & Assistants of said Wards

A Remonstrance against opening at the present time 28th Street from the 9th avenue to the River, and the 10th avenue from 28th Street [84] to the Bloomingdale Church was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of John R Murray stating that he had received from the City Inspectors Department directing the filling in of certain lots

at the corner of Beach & Greenwich Streets & suggesting the propriety of extending the regulation, to the lots on the adjoining Blocks to the north, was read & referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

A Petition of the Lamp lighters for an encrease of pay, was read and referred to the lamp Committee

A Statement was received from Everardus Warner commissioner of Excise of the number of Excise Licenses issued the last year, was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants praying that the manure may be removed from the place of deposit now allowed by law was read & referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 8th & 10th Wards

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that [85] a Watchman may be stationed in Stanton Street; and another petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Catharine & Bancker Sts for the establishment of a Watch at that place were read & referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition from the Superintendents of the Sunday School at Greenwich praying that the use of the Fire engine House at Greenwich which is to be removed may be given to them for the purposes of a School Room was read and referred to the Committee on the fire Department

A Petition from the Inhabitants in Pearl St stating that the sewer running from Pearl Street through Collect Street was stopped & praying that the same may be cleansed was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Resignation from Lee Peck a City measurer was received & accepted, and on the Petition of Appleton Worden, he was appointed a measurer of grain &c

A further Petition of Charles W Wooster on the subject of purchasing or leasing the lot corner of Nassau & Wall St, was read & referred to the Counsel & Comptroller to report

A Petition of Rodman Bowne lessee of [86] Catharine Slip Ferry praying to have the Pier at said Slip extended further into the River, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves & Ferry Committee

A Petition that Laight Street may be paved from Varrick Street to Greenwich Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5 Ward & St Commissioner

A Certificate from Clarkson Crolius of the abilities and services of Dr William M Ross while attending the military Hospital at Bellevue in Novr 1814 was read and laid on the table

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 6.

Matthew Dubois, Sadler, 19 Barclay St 3d Wd vice Garrit J Van Waggoner resgd

No 28.

James Sands, Cartman 6th & Rivington St 10th Wd vice Joseph Underhill resgd

Isaac Vians, Blacksmith Green St 8th Wd vice John Bell expelled

James Bell Copper Smith 119 Orange St 6th Wd vice Henry Jeroleman resgd

No 29

David Dunn Grocer Cr Greenwich & Hammond 8th Wd vice William Derunder expelled

[87] Peter Demarest, Cartman Perry St 8th Wd vice Peter Coleman resgd

No 39

Henry E Hoyt Mercht 36 Oak St 4th Wd Vice John M Read resgd

Smith W Anderson Accountant 147 Bd Way 3d Wd vice John Southerland resgd

Edwin Nesbit accountant 42 Cherry St 4th Wd Vice William J Hoyt resgd

No 41

Nathaniel Chichester Cartman 150 Lombardy St 7 Wd Vice Daniel P Howard expelled

Richard Miller, Cartman Orchard St 10 Wd Vice William H Ward expelled

Robert Stockton Mason Suffolk St 10th Wd vice Edwards Gumbs expelled

The Counsel & Street Commissioner on the Petition of Nicholas Low & others on the widening of Slote Lane Reported

That being satisfied of the propriety of granting the prayer of the said Petition an application was made by the Counsel at the late term of the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate & assessment to take the said piece of land for the purpose of improving Slote lane, and that Commissioners have been in pursuance of said application duly appointed by the Court

(Sigd) D S Jones

Which was approved Jno McComb St Comssr

[88] The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation respectfully informs the Common Council that pursuant to their directions he made application to the Supreme Court at the late term of the said Court for leave to discontinue all proceedings heretofore commenced relative to the opening & extending of Hudson St from Duane Street to Chamber Street, and that the said Court after hearing arguments thereupon have decided that they will not at present interfere in the question of discontinuance, that the Common Council must act as they may be advised, that the Commissioners who have been appointed in that matter must pursue such course as they may see fit, and that if fu[r]ther the Common Council, or the individuals who wish the proceedings to go on, shall be dissatisfied with the course adopted by the Commissioners, a future application may be made to the Court by the dissatisfied party praying the direction of the Court to the Commissioners in the premises

Under this decision it seems to become proper for the Board to take further order in the matter, if they still wish the proceedings stopped, and the Counsel submits the following as a proper Resolution [89] to be adopted by the Board in such case Viz

Resolved that the Commissioners of Estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court to perform certain duties relative to the opening & extending of Hudson Street from Duane Street to Chamber Street in this City, be informed that the Common Council deem it inexpedient to proceed in that matter, and that the said Commissioners be requested to discontinue all further proceedings thereupon and that they be further requested to present to the Street Commissioner a statement of the expenses & charges which have attended the said proceedings to this time to the end that the same may be paid by the Common Council

Sig^{d} D S Jones

Whereupon the Resolution proposed was adopted and the Clerk was directed to serve a copy of the same upon the Commissioners. Viz Peter A Jay John Slidell & John Morss

The Counsel stated that M^{r} Gideon Kimberly declined accepting the grant which was executed by the Common Council to him for a Water lot at Brooklyn and he presented the same—Whereupon it was directed to be cancelled

[90] The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

N Judah & A Levi	owr[s]	40	Beaver
J Adams	occp[t]		
Jacob Thomas	owr & occp[t]	48	Nassau
James Judson	D° D°	74	Division
J M[c]Adams	owr	6	Third S[t]
N Price	occp[t]		
John Beekman	owr	8	D°
James Basley	occp[t]		
Isaac B Cox	owr	C[r] Mott & Prince St	
Huested	owr	157	Reed
Isaac Frazee	occp[t]		
Peter J Munroe	owr		Broadway
Catharine Gardner	occp[t]		
William Pie	owr & occp[t]	16	Augustus S[t]
James Masterton	D° D°	299	Greenwich
D Lynch	owr	Lots	Collect Franklin Orange & Pump St
D° D°	D°	"	Franklin S E Side Collect S[t]

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances—for a Well in Varick St between Watts & Canal St, which was passed & Aquila Giles Abraham Bloodgood & Augustus Wright were appointed Assessors—For a Well in Pitt Street between Rivington & Stanton St—and for a Well in Lewis St—which were passed & Augustus Wright Thomas C Taylor & Abraham Bloodgood [91] were appointed assessors

He also presented an ordinance for regulating Murray St with good wholsome earth from the present pavement to the Bulk Head, which was passed & Abraham Bloodgood Aquila Giles & Augustus Wright were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner upon the remonstrance against widening Mott St Reported That he has seen the Counsel to the Corporation on this subject who has informed him that the Commissioners have completed their Report for widening Mott Street, and which will be presented to the Supreme Court at their next meeting—The Undersigned therefore presumes that it will be inexpedient for the Common Council to interfere with the business

(Sig[d]) Jn° M[c]Comb S[t] Coms[r]

Which was approved

The Comptroller on the payment, for a Lot of ground purchased of J Suydam Reported that Mr Suydam is willing to accept of a Corporation Bond payable on the first of September next with lawful Interest from the 1 Inst, and will make the requisite conveyance for the said Lot [92] of ground. The Board will judge of the expediency of agreeing to this proposition (Sigd) G N Bleecker Compr

Which was approved and a Bond directed to issue agreably thereto

Ordered that a Warrant issue for $675.76 in favor of the Chairman of the lamp Committee for payment of 1221½ Gallons of Oil at 51/100 Cents per Gallon

The Recorder presented a Law entitled "a Law relative to the Alms House which after some consideration, was referred to the Bellevue Committee & Counsel

On Motition of Alderman Buckmaster David S Jones Esqr was removed from the office of Counsel & Attorney of the Board

Alderman Smith presented the following Resolutions, which were adopted

Resolved that a suitable person of the degree of attorney at law in the Supreme Court shall be appointed as Attorney to this Board; whose duty it shall be to commence and prosecute all suits for breaches of the laws & ordinances of the Corporation: all suits arrising under the Charter of this City and all actions upon the laws of this [93] State in cases where the penalty is given to this Corporation, or to the overseers of the poor of this City: And for all such services the said Attorney shall receive such costs as are usually charged by attornies in similar cases

Resolved that another suitable person of the degree of counsellor at law in the Supreme Court shall be appointed as Counsel to this Board: whose duty it shall be to advise the Board and its officers on such legal questions as may from time to time arise in relation to the business of this Corporation, for which he Shall receive the sum of Five hundred Dollars annually; and who shall also perform such other services in the line of his profession as are not comprised in the duties of the Attorney: And for which said services he shall receive the costs and fees customary in similar cases

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the office of Counsel of the Corporation—when Ogden Edwards Esqr was elected

They then proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of Attorney, and balloting being dispensed with Alpheus Sherman was chosen to that office

Upon motion the following removals and appointments were made

[94] Matthew Mandeville Capn City Watch 1st District removed George Gardner appointd

Isaac Van Dyck Capn City Watch 4th Dist removed Adolph Brower appointed

Joshua Hatfield Assistant Capn City Watch 4 Dist removed Henry Abel appointed

It appearing that the Christian name of Mr Tabele Inspector of Fire Wood for District had at the last meeting of the Board been mistaken. it was moved that Jacob Tabele be removed from the office of Inspector of Fire wood for the District—which was agreed to

Jacob Morton was removed from the office of City Inspector and George Cumming was appointed City Inspector in his place

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	21015.38
Warrants not presented	2790.67
	18224.71

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accts

J Warner spcl Jusc 1 Qr Salry to 26 may	250.
J Hopson Do Do	250.
J Hedden Do Do	250.
B OBlenis Clerk Police office Do	250.
R Stephens Asst Do Do	200.
B Skaats & 2 asst 1 Qr Salry to 24. & cleaning &c	344.93
J Hays & officers apprehens felons 1 Qr to 26 may	414.25
P Aymar Collecr Revenue Salry in full	180.77
C E Duncan St Inspr 18 days to 22 may	36.
[95] H W Peckwell St Inspr 18 days to 22d May	36.
Wm McIntosh Do Do	36.
J Tallman Asst City Inspr from 1 to 20 May	40.
T Franklin Chf Engr 1 Qr Salry to 18th May & sundy Engines	227.38
Wm M Summers Inspr Bread to 21	47.77
R McQueen 2 round plates for Telegraph	6.50
Jonn Thompson U S Tax on Comn Lands	8.15
Wm A Hardenbrook Census 9th Wd	160.
J J Astor Watch Ho, rent Spring St 1 may	30.
Manhatn Co 1 Yr Supply Water A House & Goal 1 may	100.
Comerc Advertizr 6 mo to 1 Apl	75.
M Floy Trees for Park	13.
S Marks painting fr 9 apl to 22d May	159.
P Burtsel Stationary Mayor & C Inspr office 3d May	308.75

R Speaight painting for Supd Reprs to 17th Do	237.11
P S Skinner iron work Do	225.35
Hicks & Titus shingles Do New Market	235.60
Secor & Priest Carpets Supe Court room	232.88
Jacob Sherred painting &c City Hall	135.56
J Jenkings Iron mongy Supdt reprs 2d Augt 1 May	214.14
Shotwell Kinder & Co captg Mayors office 29 Dec 1815	133.12
J Sparks Oats corn &c for late Supdt Reprs	39.44
J Fine & Co repairg Pumps 5 & 8th Wards	153.41
G Colles Do 2 4 6th Do	44.46
Sayre & Force pump chamber Beaver lane	12.
Henry Merritt work to Eng Ho No 27	68.50
S Nichols repairs to Engine Houses	12.62
Barker & Hopkins 4 Csks Lamp oil	354.90
J Sherred Glass for reprs to lamps	159.68
A W Hardenbrook reprs to lamp & new Do	386.93
A Corning Surveys Maps profiles Streets 1 Yr to 1 Apl	885.68
U W Freeman Surveys & Maps to 4th may	323.
[96] Bank of N York Prinl & Int Inc[l]enbh Bond	1441.91
G W Talbot Do 1 Bond in full & 2d paymt on one Inclenburgh Bond	1507.72
French Benevolent Society Or Bd 25 March	250.
L Fisher awd Buildgs Lot 451½ Pearl St	700.
A Smyth Acct Bd Way	300.
Do Do Chapel	500.
C Mooney Do Elm St	100.
A Acker Do Desbrosses	1000.
Abner Higgins balc due fillg Cathn Slip	919.51
C Mooney Acct pavg Franklin St	100.
J McComb St Comsr pay Drivg Piles Beekn Slip	500.
C Moore property taken to open 8 Avenue	475.
J Hone award for Fair St	1830.
J Randell Jr for Surveys	500.
	$
Balance	$

[97] In Common Council June 10th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen.	Jacob Lorrillard	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		John Brown	
Augusn H Lawrence		William Stone	
Peter Conrey		Anthony L Underhill	
Thos R Smith		Robert McQueen	
William AlBurtis		Samuel Ackerly	
George Buckmaster		George B Thorpe	
Arthur Burtis		John J Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Edmund Smith for a Vault in the rear of his lot in Bridge St was read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report

A Petition of Matthias B Talmage for permission to construct a Vault in front of No 2 fronting the Bowling Green and of Nathan Jackson for like permission at the corner of Fair and Pearl St—were read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

[98] A Petition of John Jacob Astor for remission of penalty incurred under an ordinance for not filling in Lots No 264-266 fronting on the Bowery was read & referred to the City Inspector

Petitions were received from John A Smith for appointment of Measurer and Inspector of lumber—of John Dennis for appointment of wood Inspector—of Oliver Morrill, as assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary—and of Henry Shute, as Inspector of Manure—which were read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Stephen McCormick Keeper of the Park &c praying to have the emoluments of letting out Booths around the Park Battery &c on the 4th July next was read & laid on the table

A Petition of David Godwin lessee of Hoboken Ferry was received stating that the Horse Boat employed on said Ferry had been repeatedly injured by vessels running against her, and praying the Common Council to make some regulations on the subject—was read & referred to the Counsel

A Memorial of Robert Hare stating that he is acquainted with the method of lighting with gas and requesting a conferrence with [99] the Committee to whom the subject of lighting this City with gas was

referred, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts &ᵉ and Lamp Committee

A Petition from Christian Bergh stating that he is proprietor of the ground fronting on Water late Crown Point St and between Gouverneur Slip & John Youle's land that some years since he petitioned for a Water grant which was directed to be made out to him, but which from some mistake was not done, and praying that the grant may be now made to him was read and referred to the Comptroller, Street Commissioner, & Counsel

A Petition of Ebenezer Stevens & Peter Schermerhorn, stating that they have sunk a Bulk head from the Pier at Peck Slip to the Old Crane Wharf agreably to directions of the Board, and praying that the contemplated Pier in the middle of the Basin may be sunk by the Corporation without delay was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Beekman M Van Beuren former Commissioner of excise praying further time to pay the Balance due from him to the Corporation was read and referred to the finance Committee

[100] A Petition of William Neilson guardian of the infant children of Archibald Waites deceased was read stating, that a house situated in the Bowery vested in Petitioner has been sold on a lease for two years for an assessment—That no notice of said assessment was ever given to Petitioner, that he is ready and willing to pay the amount of said assessment, and praying that the Collector may be directed to receive the same, and the said Sale set aside—Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner & the Counsel

A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against the present situation of Lispenards Meadow, was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 5ᵗʰ & 8ᵗʰ Wards and City Inspector

A Memorial of Robert R Hunter was read stating that a House belonging to him situate at Harlaem projects a few feet into the eighth avenue—That no injury can arise to the public from the House remaining for some years in that situation, and praying that it may be permitted so to remain for such period as to the Common Council shall appear proper—Whereupon the same was referred to the Road Committee

[101] A Petition of William Hooghland was read stating that he was some years since employed at stipulated wages as Superintendent of the Buildings then erecting at Bellevue, that for part of the time a portion of said allowance was on the settlement of his accounts deducted by the building Committee, and praying that his case may be re-

ferred to a Committee for arrangement—Ordered that it be referred to the Bellevue Committee

A Petition of Francis White for a stall in Catharine Market—and of John Shane for Stall N° 19 Washington market were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John J Delamater late agent of the Health Commissioners praying compensation for services rendered last winter in conveying paupers ill with the small Pox to the marine Hospital, was read and referred to the Board of Health

A Memorial of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of the City of New York was presented—requesting that if it should be found inconvenient to comply with their former request for the loan of money, that the Corporation would grant to them upon the same terms granted to other institutions, a part of the Rooms in the old Alms House and stating that they understand the East [102] Wing of said building is not yet granted Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of Hook and Ladder Compony N° 2 praying an addition of four men to their Company was read and granted

A Petition for a Well and Pump in the vicinity of Delancy St between 6th and Suffolk St, was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Abraham Stagg that the Common Council would advance to him the balance yet uncollected on the assessment for paving Rivington Street and Walnut Street, was read & resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition was also received from Abraham Stagg praying the Common Council to advance him fifteen hundred Dollars on account of his contract for filling in Goerck St, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner—And the Attorney was directed to take measures to enforce the collection of the moni[e]s due on the assessment of said Street

[103] A Petition of Robert Gedney for permission to construct a vault in front of N° 411 Pearl St, was referred to the Street Comssr to grant on the usual terms

A Memorial of sundry auctioneers was read, praying the law regulating sales at auction may be altered so as to authorize them to sell in the Streets without the permission of the occupants of the Houses fronting on said Streets, and referred to the Committee on Streets—Street Commissioner & Counsel

A Petition of Jacob Russell (a cartman) praying remission of a fine incurred by purchasing fuel, was read and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A further petition of Higgins & Parks for relief in their contract for filling in Catharine Slip, and also suggesting the propriety of filling in the place intended for the market at Beekman Slip, was read & Resolved that the first part of the petition cannot be granted, and that the remainder of the Petition be referred to the Committee on Wharves & St Commissr

A Petition of Simon Hawley for appointment of assistant to Captain of City Watch [104] was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of the Hackney Coachmen for an encrease of their rates of fare was read and referred to Aldern Burtis Aldern Coles Aldern Smith

A further petition of Alexander Coffin agent of the State Prison, respecting a Water grant in front of the grounds of said establishment, was read and referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Petition of John McLeod, praying that the opening of Elizabeth Street may be delayed was read and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of the Columbian Society for a room in the building lately occupied as the Alms House, was read & referred to the Committee on arts & sciences

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that Bridge St may be widened from Whitehall St to Broad St and that it may be paved was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner

A Petition of sundry Constables & marshalls [105] to be paid for attendance at the Polls of the 6th Ward at the late election by order of the Mayor was read and referred to the Finance Comee

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to the following Captains incurred by not reporting passengers agreably to law—viz Captns Morrison Philips Leader—Hermandes—Ashley—Duncan—Foster—Dearth—Osborn—James Pugh & Jeremiah Pugh

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn No 4

Abraham Warner, Painter 63 Nassau St 3d Wd vice Levi Foshay resd

N° 5

James R Reynolds Printer 26 Lumber S^{t} 1 W^{d} vice John Wintringham res^{d}

John Hill Painter 76 Mulberry S^{t} 6th W^{d} vice Peter Right res^{d}

John H Crowler Mercht 141 Fly market 2^{d} W^{d} vice Donald Malcolm res^{d}

Richard Townley Grocer 37 Oak St 4th W^{d} vice William J Tillman Deceas^{d}

William Thompson Accountant, C^{r} John & Gold S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d} Vice John Mather res^{gd}

N° 14

John J Crockeron, Mercht. 195 B^{d} Way 3^{d} W^{d} vice Isaac Coddington Deceased

[106] Peter Mirk, Cab^{nt} maker 85 Nassau S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d} vice Baltus Moore, res^{gd}

N° 18

Joseph Willets, Merch^{t} 297 Pearl St 2^{d} W^{d} vice Daniel G Pearsall deceas^{d}

N° 19

William Hendrick Brass caster Bowery 10th W^{d} vice Jacob Weeks resig^{d}

Leonard Hoofman Baker James St 7th W^{d} vice John Innis resig^{d}

N° 34

James T Voorhis, Carpenter, Greenwich 8th W^{d} vice Tunis J Cooper res^{gd}

Henry Hopper Cartman D° 8th W^{d} vice Henry Bayard res^{gd}

Henry Felter Cordwainer D° 8th W^{d} vice James Jones res^{gd}

Jacob Van Wart Mason D° 8 W^{d} vice Cornelius Rider res^{gd}

N° 36

John C Parmerly Carpenter Spring S^{t} 8th W^{d} vice Gilbert Hatfield res^{gd}

John Beby Brick layer Broome & Varrick 8th W^{d} vice Benj^{n} Coles res^{gd}

Lewis J Lorton, Tallow chandler 518 Greenwich 8th W^{d} vice Gideon D C Marsh res^{gd}

Halsted Lawrence Blacksmith Vandam S^{t} 8 W^{d} vice James Gilbert res^{gd}

N° 39

Samuel Grice, Ship Carpenter 67 James St 4th Wd vice Benjamin Talbot resd

[107] William B Read Mercht 21 Partition 3d Wd Vice Abraham Robbin resd

William Hamilton Mercht 48 Harman 7th Wd Vice John D Stewart resd

The City Inspector presented the follows

The City Inspector respectfully reports that several complaints have been made of a nuisance corner of Chatham & Chamber Sts which he apprehends he cannot remedy in consequence of a suit pending between the Board and a Mr Elbert Anderson who is tenant to the corporation for the Lot on which the nuisance is—It is respectfully suggested that the Corporation will order this nuisance to be removed as it is very offensive; the expense thereof to remain a lien on the property; a Resolution to that effect having passed the board the 13th of June 1814 which was not acted upon

He further reports, that in his opinion it would be necessary to level and fence in the corner of Augustus and Chamber Streets, which belongs to the Corporation, in order that immediate steps may be taken with the owners and occupants of that space of ground bounded by Chamber Augustus & Duane Streets so as to fill up and fence the same, as in its present state it is a receptacle for Pigs and filth, and no adequate remedy can be applied without the co-operation of the Corporation [108] He further reports that several lots of Corporation ground, bounded by Anthony Collect & Franklin St require to be enclosed, as they are nuisances in their present state. Also that a very great nuisance exists in the Corporation yard and outwardly adjoining the nuisance within, arrising from the destruction of the lower part of the Corporation Fence in Collect and Franklin St, which requires immediate attention—He suggests that the order of the 1st August 1814 directing the enclosing of Corporation Lots be carried into execution, under the direction of the Street Commissioner together with the Alderman & Assistant of the 6th Ward, so as to embrace the filling in, and enclosing of Corporation Lots of the entire Collect, of which many complaints have been made

He further states, that a nuisance exists in James St, arrising from some obstruction in the canal under ground, leading to the east River, which occasions the water to rise in cellars above the obstructed part and respectfully suggests the propriety of the Street Commissioners

being directed to examine into and to remove said obstruction, which he apprehends occasions the said nuisance

(Sig^{d}) George Cumming City Insp^{r}

which was approved and the respective officers within whose departments the evils complained [109] of exists, were directed to remedy them as in the report recommended

He also presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, on the premises of the following persons—to witt

Darby Hagerty James Regan	owr occp^{t}	Lot N^{o} 14 Cath^{n} Lane
William W Woolsey		Lots on Lumber St
Abijah Arden		138 Broome "
Moses Field		48 Rutgers "
Abraham Labagh John Courtney	owr occp^{t}	C^{r} Franklin & Collect "
George De Grace	owr	78 Mulberry St

Which were passed

The Committee on the Fire Department agreably to an order of the Board authorizing them to purchase or lease a Lot of ground in the vicinity of Chatham park for an Engine House—Reported

That they have purchased a Lot of ground for that purpose in Fayette St running thro' to Jews Alley twenty five feet and near seventy three feet deep for twelve hundred Dollars, the Deed for which has been examined by the Counsel and accompanies this report They therefore beg leave to recommend that the Superintendent of Repairs be authorized to remove the Engine House from Chatham Square and cause to be erected two Engine [110] Houses on the Lot in Fayette St under such direction as this Board shall appoint And further that the Comptroller be directed to report at the next meeting of this Board his opinion as to the best disposition to be made of the remainder of the ground, and a Warrant for payment of the purchase money

(Sig^{d}) Arthur Burtis
Robert M^{c}Queen
A L Underhill

Which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported for payment of the same

The Alderman & Assistant of the 6th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred two Petition[s] relating to the situation of Collect Street Reported That they have examined the situation of that street and find it in a very disagreable state that it is a nuisance that

ought to be immediately removed the passage of the water in several places is stopped by the accumulation of filth and rubbish

Your Committee have heretofore directed the Superintendent of Repairs to cause the Drain thro' Collect St & Canal St to be cleared out so as to afford a better passage for the water which will tend to relieve those persons residing in the vicinity from a part of the inconvenience they suffer—But it is [111] the opinion of your committee that it will be impossible to remove the cause of complaint at Pearl Street, except by regulating & paving Collect Street from Pearl to Anthony St they would therefore recommend that the draft of an ordinance herewith presented be passed for that purpose

Your Committee would also beg leave to state, that they have been informed that the lower part of Collect St will pass thro' ground belonging to an individual, and as it is important that the whole Street should be vested in the Corporation they would respectfully suggest the propriety of the Street Commissioner being directed to have a Map thereof made in order that legal measures may be taken to open said Street so that it may be completely regulated

Your Committee would also recommend to your honorable Board that the City Inspector be instructed to cause all the sunken lots in the vicinity of collect Street to be raised to such a height as may be pointed out by the Street Commissioner

(Sig) Wm AlBurtis Aldern
Robt McQueen asst
Jno McComb St Comsr

which was approved excepting as it related to the paving of the Street, and the ordinance recommended, was passed & Abm Bloodgood—Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

[112] The Alderman and assistant of the 5th Ward to whom was referred the petition for regulating & paving Varick Street

Reported That they have examined the situation of Varick St and are of opinion that it ought to be regulated and paved from North Moore St to the North Side of Laight Street—as that street is now much used it will also accomodate the congregation of St Johns Church, who now find it difficult to get to that church in bad weather

The Street Commissioner has therefore prepared the Draft of an ordinance to that effect, which your Committee beg leave to present for the Confirmation of the Board

(Sigd) Thos R Smith
William Stone
Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was approved and the ordinance therein recommended was passed.

Wherein Augustus Wright. Thomas C Taylor & Jacob C Mott were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a communication on the subject of the practise of hoisting articles into stores from the outside, in the Street whereby by the falling of the articles the lives of passengers were frequently endangered which was read and referred to the Counsel [113] to report an ordinance prohibiting the practise

The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward & Street Commissioner on the application of the Commissioners of estimate & assessment for a profile or Plan shewing the intended regulation of Cliff Street

Reported—That they have duly considered the subject, and have had a profile prepared shewing the proposed regulation of Cliff Street, between John & Beekman Street so as to conform to the pavement in Fair Street which they would respectfully recommend to the Board for confirmation. The red line shews the regulation for the Gutter—and the black line which is sixteen inches above it denotes the top of the pavement next to the line of buildings

(Sig^{d}) John B Coles
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb St Com^{sr}

Which Report together with the map presented was approved

The St Comsr presented the following

The Street Commissioner begs leave to state to the Common Council that in pursuance of the instructions given by your honorable body, did advertise as the law directs and sold the following property on the 27th May last for delinquent assessments & expenses, as per enclosed [114] account of the auctioneers

N^{o} 1236	Bayards	E	Farm.....	$43.54	to	Jacob Scheffelin	for	18	years
965	D^{o}	D^{o}	.....	16 21	"	Cha^{s} Mooney	"	10	"
1243	D^{o}	D^{o}	.....	12 71	"	Archd Smith	"	7	"
1244	D^{o}	D^{o}	.....	16 21	"	D^{o}	"	7	"
93	Livingstons Map		Mott St....	10 38	"	Cha^{s} Mooney	"	11	"
94	D^{o}	D^{o}	....	10.38	"	D^{o}	"	10	"
1	Piece vacant ground fronting 123 St on W. side Sullivan St commencing 25 ft North of Broome St.....			348.09	"	Anth^{y} Brewerhouten		14	"
1	Piece vac^{t} ground front^{g} 68 ft Easterly side Sullivan St Com^{cg} 93 ft N. of Broome St.			186.60	"	D^{o}	"	15	"

27	Lot assessors map E side of Ridge St 150 f N. of Stanton St.....	20.07	to John B Thorpe	14	years
1	Lot W side 4th St between Stanton & North St.....	44.45	" Robt Mattheuson	10	"
1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020	6 Lots Delancys farm fronting on 4th St between Delancy & Rivington St....	123.09	" Stephen Ludlam	17	"
262.	Lot Bowery & Building thereon	36.	" James Mills	2	"
3	Lots on Collect ground fronting ptly Lit Water St.....245.07		" Leonard Fisher	29	"
77	Lot Cross St.....	23.57	Do	12	

Comsn for selling 14 Lots $42.

Sigd Franklin & Minturn

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comsr

Which acct of sales of Lots for Delinquencies [115] was directed to be filed

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well & Pump in Charlton Street between Greenwich & Hudson St which was passed and Abm Bloodgood Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

The Alderman & assistant of the 5th Ward & Street Commissioner on the Petition for paving Laight Street from Varrick to Greenwich Street reported in favor of the same and the ordinance agreably thereto was presented by the Street Commissioner which was passed & Augustus Wright Jacob C Mott & Thomas C Taylor were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner on the remonstrance against opening 28th St & part of 10th avenue Reported that the report of the Commissioners of Estimate having been approved by the Supreme Court, and a part of the assessment already collected he considered it now as out of the controul of the Board and that it was inexpedient to take any order thereon

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully acquaints the Board that the Clerks of the several markets [116] have not settled their accounts of fees for several months past. He required of them a settlement on the 6th Inst. but the notice has not been attended to

It is respectfully suggested, that an order should pass, obliging all persons who have the receipt of public monies, to render accounts, and make payment to the Treasurer within a limited time

Sig[d] G N Bleecker Comp[r]

M[r] Eisenhart on[e] of the Clerks of the markets has mentioned this morning that he would settle his accounts this Week

Whereupon it was ordered that the Attorney should comm[en]ce prosecutions against those whose accounts should remain unpaid at the beginning of Next week—And it was ordered that unless the deputy Clerks in future complied with the law directing them to pay the fees monthly that they should be reported to the Attorney and suits commenced against them therefor

The Comptroller on the Petition of Henry M Van Solingen Reported That on the 23[d] March 1812 the Common Council agreed to commute the water lot rents of grants made from the Year 1734 to the 1[st] January 1803 since which the time was extended to 1 Jan[y] 1804—A Grant made to George Gosman dated 21 February 1804 [117] but noted on the margin of the grant to have passed in December 1801 was commuted by him on the 4[th] of October 1813

The Memorialist has purchased the Water Lot adjoining M[r] Gosmans, formerly belonging to Arthur Smith the date of which is one day previous to the other. There appears to be no impropriety in acceeding to the request of D[r] Van Solingen on his paying the sum of $1052..80 the proportion due on commuting together with all arrears of rent to the 1[s] May last (Sig[d]) G N Bleecker Comp[r]

Which was approved and a Release was directed to be reported accordingly

The Comptroller & Counsel on the Petition of Daniel Fash reported That since the presenting of said Petition Daniel Fash has assigned all his interest in the premises therein mentioned to James Swan and has authorized and requested the Corporation to execute a lease to him for the same, and that said Swan has paid to the collector the balance of the purchase money now due

The Comptroller & Counsel therefore recommend that the leases which have passed the seal of the Common Counsel in favor of said Fash be cancelled and that new leases be executed to James Swan

The Counsel has prepared leases for that [118] purpose which are herewith submitted (Sig)[d] G N Bleecker Comp[r]
Ogden Edwards

Which was approved

The Chief Engineer on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 6 reported as his opinion that three men be added to the Company, making in the whole Twenty seven men—which was approved

The Report of the Street Commissioner relating to the Piers proposed to be built in front of Washington Market, was called up and together with the report of the Finance Committee on that subject was referred to the Committee on Wharves & Street Commissioner

The Petition of George Streighthoof was called up and referred to the Road Committee

The Bellevue Committee presented the following

The Bellevue Committee to whom was referred the subject of enquiring "if any and what alterations are necessary to be made for the government of the New Alms House" have examined the present law and are of opinion that it does not give the concurrent powers to the Commissioners as in their opinion was intended & ought [119] to have been given

Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following law, which they wish if approved of may be adopted immediately

(Sig^{d}) Reuben Munson
Geo B Thorpe
William Stone
John Brown
Ogden Edwards

A Law concerning the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell

1 Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened that the powers heretofore granted by any former law or ordinance of this Common Council to the Superintendent of the Alms House & Bridewell shall be and are hereby *are* vested concurrently in the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell, including the said Superintendent as one of the Commissioners, and that they or a majority of them shall exercise the said powers and perform the duties heretofore assigned to the said Superintendent in such manner as shall appear to them most conducive to the public interest, provided that the said Commissioners or a majority of them may from time to time direct that any part of the said powers & duties shall be executed and performed by the said Superintendent solely

2 And be it further ordained, that it shall [120] be the duty of the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, to examine into the

accounts and expenditures of the said Alms House & Bridewell and to report a correct and fair statement thereof to the Common Council as soon as may be conveniently done, and at least once in three months, to wit on the first meeting of the Common Council in august November, February & may in each year and oftener if required by the Common Council Provided nevertheless that it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to examine & report on the said account to this Board, as has heretofore been done

Which Report, was approved, and this Law being read by paragraphs, was passed

The Counsel presented declarations of sales of certain Lots which were sold by the Street Commissioner on the 27th May last for non payment of certain assessments, which were ordered to be duly executed

On Motion of Alderman Smith—John Nitchie was removed from the office of Public Administrator in the City of New York and Judah Hammond was appointed in his place

[121] On like motion the office of Assistant City Inspector was abolished

On Motion of Alderⁿ Buckmaster

Cornelius Stagg was appointed assistant to Captⁿ of City Watch for 4th District in place of Henry Abel resigned

Casparus Romaine was appointed Inspector of Manure in place of Seaman Sherwood resigned

John Hardman, was removed from the office of Road Master for the upper District—and Samuel B Waldron was appointed in his place

On motion of Alderman Munson

Nehemiah Allen was removed from the office of Keeper of the City Prison

Alderⁿ Smith moved that Mr Allen be permitted to occupy the Keepers Chambers and the garden of the Prison (but so as not to interfere with the Keeper that may be appointed) until the first of October next; after some discussion the further consideration of the motion was postponed until the next meeting of the Board

The following Resolution was presented by Alderⁿ Smith and agreed to

Whereas the duties of the Keeper of the Bridewell and City Prison will be considerably reduced by sentencing convicts to the Penitentiary instead of the Bridewell—Resolved that the [122] Law relative to the appointment of the said officer be so far altered as to reduce his

Salary from twelve hundred & fifty Dollars to Six hundred Dollars per annum to commence on the first day of August next

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of Keeper of the City Prison when Garrit Sickles was chosen

On motion of Alder[n] Burtis the following removals and appointments were made

Andreas Van Orden Inspector of fire wood removed & Jorn L Van Kleeck appointed

Alexander Anderson Inspector of firewood D[o] & Jacob Acker appointed

Matthew Redett Inspector of firewood D[o] & Artemus B Brookens appointed

John Guest Inspector of firewood D[o] & James Hunt appointed

Upon motion Jacob Hays was removed from the office and duty of enforcing the laws of the State & ordinances of the Corporation, particularly those which relate to the Sabbath

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to

Resolved that four active & proper persons shall be appointed by the Corporation of this City, and assigned to the [123] four Watch Districts of said City, each of whose duty it shall be, in his District diligently to observe and discover, so far forth as he is authorized by law, the violation of all laws of the State and ordinances of the Corporation and particularly those which relate to the Sabbath—and the better to enable each of them to detect offenders, they and each of them shall employ a sufficient number of Constables and Marshals to aid and assist in the premises; who shall on every Sabbath day frequent such parts of the City as the Alderman and assistant of the respective wards may direct, and they and each of them shall forthwith report to the Attorney of the Board the name and place of abode of every offender he or they may discover or be informed of, with the name of such witness, as he or they may know or believe can prove the accusation

And as a compensation in full for the services of said four persons and of those by them employed as aforesaid each of the said four persons shall receive at the rate of two hundred Dollars per annum to be paid out of the City Treasury in quarterly payments—and neither of said persons nor any of the peace officers employed by them shall be entitled to receive any portion of the penalties in such cases

[124] The Board then proceeded to elect persons to fill those offices and

Henry G Disbrow was appointed to the 1st District
Azael Conklin Do Do 2d Do
Henry Abel Do Do 3d Do
John Striker Do Do 4th Do

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	15656.40
Warrants not presented	4096.62
	$11559.78

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Acctᵉ

Mandeville & Vⁿ Wart Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	621.25
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Van Dyck & Bleakley Do	339.50
Thomas & Barnum for Watch Caps	55.
B Hicks fr 15 May to 1 June	32.
Jonⁿ Weeden St Inspʳ 9 days. to 1 June	18.
P. Becannon Inspʳ Bread 1 Qʳ to 10 June	97.
R Marsh labor on Battery May 1816	30.37
Franklin & Minturn Sales at Auction	187.
Prior & Dunning Census Books &c for Compʳ	86.50
T Shaw horse hire to notʸ Inspʳˢ 9th Wd	7.
A Giles makᵍ Book Jurors & Tickets	228.08
Comssʳˢ Health office pay of Paupers in Marine Hospital	868.75
G Sneethen Supdt Lamps 1 Mo to 2d June	524.63
R F Watson for Lamp oil	423.18
Palmer & Hamilton 2 Casks Oil	276.37
O Waldron overseer Roads to 31 May	305.40
[125] J L Church repairᵍ Pumps 10th Wd to 11 May	102.87
H Brush Do Do 7 " to 15 "	39.59
Wm Stratton Do Wells 7 & 8 " to " "	31.49
L Allen Do Pumps 10 " to 11 May	21.
John Combs Do Do 7 " to 7 "	19.06
Js Wallace late Supdt Reprˢ balc of acctˢ	354.78
H Andrew. decorations Room City Hall	432.85
J P Roome Supdt Reprˢ Timber &c	750.
L Persiany Mud machine 6 Weeks to June	316.14
A Stagg balc pavᵍ Rivington St	831.57
J Bailey paving Chatham Park	400.
R Moran balc pavᵍ Murray St	304.45
C Mooney Acct pavᵍ Elm St	200.
J Vincent Acct filling Collect Lots	200.

M Reid Well & Pump in Fair St	149.
M Reid 1 Instt Well & Pump Bayard St	137.60
A Smyth Acct pavg Chapel St	100.
Wm Whitlocks, P Hawes & L Lewis Arbitrators fees	85.75
R Furman Acct Alms House	1300.
Balance	

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue for the purpose of quarterly visitation of the Alms House on Tuesday Week next at 2 O Clock

[126] In Common Council June 18th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

John B Coles		Peter A Jay
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorrillard
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthy L Underhill
Peter Conrey		John Brown
Thomas R Smith		William Stone
William AlBurtis	Aldermen	Robt McQueen — Assistants
George Buckmaster		Samuel Ackerly
Arthur Burtis		George B Thorpe
Nicholas Fish		John H Tallman
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper

The Common Council met at Bellevue agreably to adjournment, and proceeded to visit the Chambers assigned for the accomodation of the poor; the Penitentiary, and the other apartments of the establishment, and while they viewed with feelings of pride & pleasure the magnificent Edifice, which reflected such honor upon the public spirit and the benevolence of the community, they could not but pay a tribute of approbation to the Superintendants, for the order & neatness displayed in its various parts

After having visited the Building the Common Council was formed and the [127] following business was transacted

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Communication from Matthias B Crane Keeper of the Penitentiary on the subject of the duties of his office, was read and referred to the Bellevue Committee

And it was resolved that it be referred to the same Committee to confer with the Commissioners of the Alms House, with power to appropriate a Room or Rooms in the City Prison for the temporary

relief of paupers, and such other purposes as the Commissioners shall think proper

A Petition of Abijah Arden praying relief from a Penalty incurred in not complying with an ordinance respecting a nuisance was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Petition from sundry City weighers praying for the removal of Gurdon Manwaring from the office of Weigher, as he resided at Brooklyn—was read and Ordered that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

A Petition of Jane Jeremiah Widow of John Jeremiah late of this City, Butcher praying she may have the priviledge of the stall lately held [128] by her Husband, was read, and, Resolved that the priviledge of said Stall be granted to her for the period of one year

A Petition of Gould Banks & Gould was received stating that in the Room lately assigned to them for a public Library in the City Hall certain fixtures were made by them which they are informed will be of service, in the use to which the room is at present applied, and praying a compensation for the same, was read, and ordered Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

A Complaint of sundry Inhabitants of Fair Street of certain obstructions in said Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from the medical Institution of the State of New York for Rooms in the old Alms House to be assigned to them, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences

A Communication of Jacob Lewis stating he was Proprietor of ground opposite to Horns Hook Ferry which would be advantageous to said Ferry, and offering to dispose of the same, was read & referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Thomas Hauxhurst for remission of a fine incurred for not removing a nuisance [129] was read & granted on payment of costs

Petitions for a Well corner of Hester & Orange St. and for one corner of Orchard & Broom St. were read & referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards & Street Commissioner to report ordinances therefor

A Memorial from a Committee of the Public Porters of the City praying for certain regulations to restrain persons not licensed as Porters from exercising the occupation, was read and laid on the Table

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants complaining of a num-

ber of Cartmen (whose names were given) who in defiance of the law of the Corporation were in the constant practise of purchasing large quantities of Wood for sale, was read & referred to the Attorney with orders to commence prosecutions against them without delay

An account of the Inspectors of the Election for the 7 Ward for expenses incurred in the hire of a room &c was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Memorial of the Inhabitants of Coentius Slip complaining of the Cartmen who frequent said Slip and praying certain regulations respecting them was read and referred to the [130] Street Committee

A Remonstrance from John T Irving against the sale or lease of the lot vacant by the opening of Nassau St was read and referred to the Committee on the Petition of B W Wooster viz The Counsel & Comptroller

A Request of the Widow's Society for permission to store wood for the use of said Institution in the old Alms House Yard was read & referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences

The City Inspector on the Petition of John Jacob Astor Reported —that he yesterday viewed the nuisance to him referred at your last Board, and that no measures were then taken by the said John J Astor to remove or remedy the same

(Sigd) George Cumming City Inspr

He also presented ordinances for correction of nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Napthi Judah & Aaron Levi Trustees to Hebrew Church	owrs	40 Beaver St
John Adams	occp	
Jacob Thomas	owr	48 Nassau St
Wm Brown	occpt	
Jas Judson	occpt & owr	74 Division St
Jno McAdams	owr	76 Division St
N Price	occpt	
Dani Huestis	owr	157 Reed St
Isaac Fraser	occpt	
Jno Beekman	owr	8 Third St
Jas Basley	occpt	
P J Munro & Jno Jay	owrs agents	400 Bd Way
Cath Gordon	occpt	
Jas Masterton	owr	299 Greenwich St
Dr John Lee	occpt	

Isaac B Cox	owr	Prince S^{t}
W^{m} Pie	occp^{t} & owr	16 Augustus S^{t}
Dom^{c} Lynch	owr	East of Colect Canal S^{t}
Dom^{c} Lynch	owr	Franklin S^{t}

Which were passed

[131] The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well in Grand Street between Norfolk & Suffolk Sts which was passed & Augustus Wright Aquila Giles & Jacob C Mott were appointed Assessors—And also an ordinance for a Well in Essex St between Delancy & Rivington St which was passed and Ab^{m} Bloodgood Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Ab^{m} Stagg, Reported that the Balance of Two thousand two hundred Dollars as stated in his petition will be due him when the work contracted for is completed. The undersigned would further state that should fifteen hundred Dollars (the sum applied for) be paid the Petitioner the balance then remaining would be more than sufficient to complete the work, and as there is a prospect of the uncollected monies on the assessment being paid into the Treasury in the course of a few days he would recommend that the Sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars be paid the said Petitioner

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb St Comss^{r}

Which was approved and a Warrant ordered to be reported agreably thereto

He also presented a communication detailing his proceedings in respect to M^{r} Staggs contract with the corporation which was approved & directed to be filed

[132] The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips, on the Petition of the Proprietors of the Water Lots between Catharine & Market Street Slips Reported That in their opinion so much of the Ordinance directing the Building of Bulkheads and regulating Water St passed the 12th February last, as it respects that part thereof lying between Catharine & Market Street Slips ought for the present to be suspended—and the Proprietors aforesaid be directed to raise upon the present Bulkhead & fill up Water Street to the regulation thereof

(Sig^{d}) G Buckmaster
Peter Conrey
A H Lawrence

Which was approved

The Counsel agreably to order presented a "Law to prevent the raising of merchandize from the Street into the upper Stories of Buildings" which was read by Paragraphs & passed

The Road Committee on the petition of Robt R Hunter Reported —That having duly considered the subject are of opinion that it would be improper to designate any particular time, that Mr Hunters House may continue on the avenue—But as in its present situation [133] it will not interfere with the public convenience the[y] would respectfully recommend that the removal thereof be postponed

(Sigd) Reuben Munson
Jno B Coles
William Stone
Thomas Cooper
John Brown

Which was approved

The same Committee on the petition of Geo Streighthoof—Reported that in their opinion it was a subject for the consideration of the Counsel, and recommended that it be referred to him

Which was agreed to

The same Committee presented a report recommending the immediate opening of a part of the 8th avenue

The consideration of which was postponed

The Committee on arts and Sciences & Lamp Committee to whom had been referred the different applications to the Board on the subject of lighting the City—with gas light Reported—That Your Committee have attentively enquired into and considered the nature of these proposals

The information obtained in this enquiry has led your Committee to believe that Gas Lights may be extensively & usefully [134] applied for public benefit. They beg indulgence while they state the facts upon which this conclusion is founded

Gaz lights otherways called the Thermo Lamp is produced by the combustion of inflammable air, This air may be obtained from various sources, but for œconomical purposes it has been principally procured from wood or coal—Coal on account of its abundance & cheapness has been wholly employed in Great Britain to procure the inflammable Gas. By Distillation Coal affords beside Gas or inflammable air for burning Coke, tar an essential oil & an ammoniacal liquor. Wood submitted to the same process is converted into Gas—Charcoal—tar an essential oil & Vinegar. The application of these

products to useful purposes in the arts, renders the expense of the Gas light trifling, in comparison with other lights

That coal by distillation would afford a Gas or air capable of burning has been known nearly 100 years. In the beginning of the 18th Century Dr Hales & after him Dr James Clayton both of them British Physicians established the fact by experiment. In 1767 Dr Watson afterwards Bishop of Llandaff made further experiments on the products of coal subjected to dis[t]illation. Mr Murdock & Mr Windsor two English Gentlemen, claim the merit respectively of first applying [135] Coal Gas to œconomical purposes—it is true that about 1790 or 1792 they both exhibited Gas lights & described the method of producing them as practised by themselves in different parts of England

"Mr Northern of Leeds in 1805 directed the attention of the public to the application of Coal Gas as a substitute for Gas light. Soon afterwards Mr Samuel Clegg of Manchester Engineer, communicated an account of his method of lighting up manufactories with Gas lights to the Society of Arts. Since that time the application of gas light has Spread rapidly, and numerous manufactories & other establishments have been lighted by Coal Gas"

"In France the application of Gas lights to œconomical purposes was pointed out, long before it was publickly introduced into England. M Le Bon had a House fitted up in Paris in the Winter of 1802 so as to be entirely illuminated by Gas lights"

In the United States experiments have been made to exhibit the brilliancy an[d] elegance of gas lights, but till of late no application has been made of it to œconomical purposes. In consequence of a proposal made by a Mr Henfrey in 1802 to illuminate the light Houses on our Coast with inflammable Gas, the Secretary of the Treasury U S (Mr Gallatin) made application to Dr Mitchell for information on this subject, and the latter Gentleman [136] recommended a trial to be made, but the Plan was never carried into execution. Our Countryman Dr James Mease produced inflammable air from red cedar in the Winter of 1802. The Extensive museum of Mr Peale in Philadelphia is entirely lighted by Gas produced from Pitch. The recommendations of Mr Griscom, Mr Foster & Mr Hare to this Board are the efforts of other individuals to call the attention of the public, in our Country to this branch of political œconomy

It is no longer a doubtful experiment, but a fact well ascertained, that Inflammable Gas produces a cheaper, more brilliant, & excellent

light than tallow or oil for the lighting of Streets, manufactories or houses. The following facts incontestibly establish this position

The cotton factory of Mr Lee of Manchester one of the most extensive establishments in Great Britain has been supplied for several years with gas lights. He has 924 lights which are equal in effect & intensity to 2500 mould candles (6 to the pound) burning upon an average the year round of two hours per day. The expense of 2500 such candles would be in England about 2000£ sterling. The expense of the Gas lights is only 600£, which makes a difference of 1400£ equal to 6216 Dollars per annum in favor of gas lights

[137] Mr Ackerman of London has also made a successful application of gas light "The whole of his establishment, his public warehouse, Library, Printing offices, & work Shops together with his dwelling house from the Kitchen to the drawing Room has for four years past (1812. 13. 14. 15) been lighted with gas to the total exclusion of all other lights"

The annual expense of his tallow lights was formerly.....	£160.00
The annual expense of gas lights is.....	40. 5
equal to *531 69/100 Dolls	119.95

Mr Cook of Birmingham saves 30£ equal to 133 33/100 Dolls per annum in his manufactory on a much smaller scale than the preceding His Tallow & oil lights used to cost him 50£ per annum but the gas lights now onl[y] cost 20£

In these estimates the original expense of the preparation & apparatus for making the Gas is excluded, but the interest is not.

The saving however is so great that the original expenditure for apparatus is regained in a short time. The above estimates exhibit a proportion between the Gas lights & Tallow lights about as 1 to 3 equal to a gain of about 200 per cent

The inflammable gas when prepared for illumination is obtained by means of appropriate apparatus after the following manner—Upon a Furnace adapted to the purpose is erected one or more retorts of cast iron to contain the coal or other material [138] which is submitted to a high heat whereby the Gas is expelled. To the retort is attached a tube to convey the gas and other products to their proper places of deposit. The aerial fluid by means of this tube is conducted to a cistern of lime water prepared to purify it. The other products pass off together by another tube & are collected in the Tar box.

* A memorandum between the lines, apparently of later date, reads *543 33/100*.—Ed.

From the lime machine the gas in its purified state passes to its proper reservoir called the gasometer. The gas thus prepared and collected is inflammable air, known in chemical language by the name of carburetted hidrogen. It is lighter than common air and by a proper construction of the reservoir it will pass thro' tubes like any other fluid, & will descend & ascend in all directions to any level— Hence, the method to convey inflammable air or gas to a proper place for its consumption, is to extend from the gasometer a tube to the point required. Now in order to make an application of this invention to light the Streets of our City, a main conduit or pipe connected with the gasometer must extend under ground & at every lamp Post a lateral tube must pass from the main pipe to the lamp or place of combustion—A valve or stop cock near the end of the tube will prevent the gas escaping when not burning & extinguish it when required

[139] In like manner from the main Pipe private or public buildings may be supplied. In this way a considerable portion of the City of London is lighted with coal gas. fifteen miles of main pipe was laid down there in the beginning of the last year (1815). The œconomy of gas light is so certain that an incorporated company of London was bond by its charter to furnish a better & stronger light than oil, at a less expense, and yet obtained profits arrising from the undertaking. Every one who has made use of this method of illuminating in Europe has found its œconomy surpass all expectation

It has been doubted however whether the œconomy of gas lights would be so great in New York as in Europe—the high price of labor, wood & coal, would certainly diminish the profits of the undertaking, & it is a matter of uncertainty, whether the coke & other products of the distillation could be so readily disposed of as in Great Britain & it is the sale of these that diminishes the expence

There has been laid before your Committee a calculation for an apparatus to supply 600 Lamps, the expense of which is stated at 2400 Dollars outfit. To supply the whole City with apparatus and main pipes is estimated at 640 000 Dollars. The annual expense to supply the gas for any part or the whole [140] is not stated

But a Plan for a less complicated machine than the one herein described has been laid before the committee by M^{r} Robert Hare the expense of which is comparatively trifling & not so liable to be out of repair. The gas is furnished by pitch which is almost wholly converted into carburetted hydrogen and is conducted directly to the gasometer without any intervening machinery. His estimation is as follows

Outfit as detailed in his estimate		3300
Annual expences	"	2700
Sources of income	"	5100
From which deducting the annual expenses leaves the neat proceeds p^{r} ann^{m}		2400

Your Committee are therefore inclined to believe that gas lights may be usefully applied for lighting certain parts of this City. They think that the Common Council are bound to foster the arts & sciences & to give encouragement to useful inventions. The one under consideration is of immense importance to the public from the benifits to be derived to the community & to individuals. They therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that a select committee be appointed with powers to institute an experiment on gas lights upon the Plan [141] under the Superintendance of M^{r} Robert Hare and that a sum not exceeding five thousand Dollars be put at the disposal of said Committee to carry the same into effect, to be taken out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

(Sig^{d}) Nich^{s} Fish
Th R Smith
Reuben Munson
Samuel Akerly
Jacob Lorillard
Peter Augustus Jay

Which was approved, and the Resolution proposed agreed to, and it was referred to the Committee on arts and sciences to carry the same into effect

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the *the* vacancies

Fire Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 21

James Robinson, Accountant 172 B^{d} Way 2^{d} W^{d} vice John Brown resig^{d}

James Sylvester, book binder, 17 George St 4 " } additional men
James Pierpoint D^{o} 175 Pearl S^{t} 1 }

N^{o} 33

Stephen Seaman, Sailmaker Henry St 7th W^{d} vice Joseph Bedle Resig^{d}

John Seaman. Mercht Grand St 10 W^{d} vice Stephen White left City

W^{m} Davis, Grocer Goerck St 10 W^{d} vice Louis Delondres left City

[142] Thoˢ H Brown, Shoe maker Grand St 10th Wd vice Henry Hoffman left City

Nº 35

Ephraim Pardee, Smith Harlaem 9th Wd vice John Adriance resigd

John Connover, cordwainer, Harlaem 9th Wd vice Jonn Randle Jr removd to L Island

A Resolution proposing to designate a Place where children that have been lost may be brought to, was read and referred to the Bellevue Committee & the Commissioners of the Alms House

Resolved that the following be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the ensuing Anniversary of American independance, And that they have authority to give directions respecting the erection of Booths around the Park Bowling Green & the Battery

Committee Aldern Smith Mapes Buckmaster

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department with the Chief Engineer be instructed to erect such Engine Houses as they may deem expedient for the [143] preservation of Engines, Hooks Ladders &c &c in Beaver St Fair St & Fayette Street

A Resolution on the subject of Mr Allen late Keeper of the City Prison, authorising him to remain in possession of the apartments of the Building, was presented by Aldern Smith, and the consideration thereof postponed—and it was Resolved that Mr Allen continue in possession until the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that the 1st avenue be opened from 23d to 24th Street

A Resolution for the appointment of Josiah Shippey, as clerk of the Alms House was presented and the consideration postponed

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be directed to revise the Laws & ordinances of this corporation and prepare a correct copy thereof to be laid before them with all convenient speed for their further order on this subject

A Resignation from John J Westervelt as a Commissioner of the Alms House was read. Whereup[on] The Recorder presented the following

Whereas J J Westervelt has signified [144] his wish to resign his seat as one of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell if, in the opinion of this Board the office of purveyor be incompatible therewith, and inasmuch as this Corporation is of opinion that the duties of Commissioner & purveyor ought not to be united in the

same person. Therefore Resolved that the resignation of Mr Westervelt as such Commissioner be accepted—It being nevertheless the declared sense of this Board that the said J J Westervelt has discharged the duties attached to both situations with the greatest diligence & integrity

Which was unanimously agreed to—& On Motion Peter Stagg was appointed Commissioner of the Alms House & Bridewell in his place

The following Resolution was presented & referred to the Bellevue Committee & Commissioners of the Alms House

Resolved that it be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House to direct some suitable place for the keeping of Idiots & Lunatics, with whom the City may be chargeable & who are not otherwise provided for in some part of the Alms House or Penitentiary at Bellevue

[145] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	9456.95
Warrants not presented	4224.14
	5232.81

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	621.25
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brown Do	339.50
Anthy Woodward Asst City Inspr to 11 Inst	113.89
Wm J Waldron Do Do 1 Mo	62.
Obadiah Ayres Do Do 1 Do	62.
Danl H Megee keepr Potters fd 1 Do	46.50
S McCormick keepr Park to 11 Inst	46.50
Lyman Hawley Carg hire Road Come	12.
Burk & Lamb repairs Pumps 6 & 7th Wds	52.12
Jos N Lord Building No 453 Pearl St	500.
Edwd Doughty surveying & Maps	58.36
Thos R Smith Treasr Bd of Health	500.
A Burtis Lot ground Fayette St	1200.
R Munson for E Jennings Acct 3d Avenue	440.
	$
Balance	$

[146] In Common Council July 1st 1816

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff President
Richard Riker Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter Augustus Jay	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter Conrey		Ant[y] L Underhill	
Thomas R Smith		John Brown	
William AlBurtis		William Stone	
George Buckmaster		Rob[t] McQueen	
Arthur Burtis		Sam[l] Akerly	
Nicholas Fish		George B Thorpe	
Reuben Munson		John H Palmer	
		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants of James St against the ordinance lately passed for repairing the drain in said Street, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner with authority to comply with the prayer of the Petitioners

A Memorial of a number of Inhabitants & of sundry Sail makers of the City remonstrating against the law, entitled "a Law to prevent the raising of Merchandise &[c]" [147] was read—Whereupon a Law entitled "a Law to *to* amend a Law entitled "a Law to prevent the raising of merchandise from the Street into the up[p]er stories of Bui[l]dings from the Streets" was passed

A Memorial from sundry Dealers in lime complaining of some measurers of Lime as acting improperly in the discharge of their duties was read & referred to M[r] Lorillard M[r] Akerly M[r] Stone

Petitions for a Well & Pump in Pump St near 3[d] Street & for a Pump in Orange St were read & referred to the Alder[n] & assist[s] of the Ward & St Comss[r] to report ordinances therefor

A Petition from Caleb Conklin for license as a Butcher & a Stall in Catharine or Washington market, was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Recommendation of Francis D Francisco as a Measurer of lime, & a further Petition of Patrick Bacon to be appointed a Weighmaster were read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants of Pearl Street between Coentius & Beekman Slips complaining of Cartmen encumbring the Street with their Carts, was read & referred [148] to the Committee on Streets

A Memorial of Theodorus Bailey & Elbert Anderson on the sub-

ject of the dispute subsisting between them & the Corporation respecting the rent to be paid for the remainder of a Lot in Chatham St held by them under the Corporation & proposing to refer the same for settlement to Arbitrators, was read & referred to the Comptroller & Council to report

The following communication was rec[d] from the Commissioners of estimate & on Hudson St

The Subscribers Commissioners of estimate & assessment appointed by the Supreme Court to perform certain duties relative to the opening & extending of Hudson St from Duane St to Chamber St in this City, have received a Copy of a Resolution passed by your honorable body on the 28[th] May last requesting them to discontinue all further proceedings under their appointment—The Subscribers have maturely & with great respect for your honorable body considered this Resolution & think it required by the respect due to the Common Council of the City to state to you the reasons which compel them to decline complying with the request communicated in the foregoing Resolution

[149] The subscribers think they have no right to decide upon the propriety or expediency of the improvement contemplated by the Corporation—They consider themselves officers appointed by the Supreme Court to perform certain duties—and they have taken an oath faithfully to perform those duties—The duties they have thus sworn to perform are precisely those which the Resolution above mentioned requests them not perform; they therefore think themselves bound by their duty & their oaths to decline complying with that request unless some competent authority shall anul their duties & thus release them from their oaths—They do not know that any body of men possess such authority unless it be the Supreme Court, & that Court after solemn argument, has already refused to interfere—The Subscribers therefore think themselves bound to proceed; at the same time they beg your honorable body to believe that it is with great regret they find themselves compelled to act in opposition to your wishes, and it is their sincere desire in every way consistent with their duty to manifest the sincere respect with which they are

Your Ob[e] H[ub] Sert[rs]

(Sig[d]) Peter Augustus Jay
Jno Slidell
John Morss.

[150] A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the Peti-

tion for the erection of a market in Broad Street was read & referred to the Alder[n] & assistant of the 1[st] Ward

A Petition in behalf of Tho[s] Case a minor for a cartmans license was read and negatived

A Remonstrance against the removal of the Pump from the corner of Bridge & Whitehall St was read & referred to the Alder[n] & assistant of the 1[st] Ward & St Comss[r]

A Memorial of Evan Jones, hackney Coachman for remission of penalty incurred, was read & granted on payment of costs

A Petition of Luke Kip for time until the 1[st] August next for payment of Assessment for repaving Broad way near Murray St was read and granted

A Petition of Joseph Dunkley for appointment to some office, of J Rodman Drake for appointment of Physician to the Bridewell & Goal, & a Petition for the removal of George Mount one of the Inspectors of Firewood, were read & referred to the Committee on applications

[151] A Letter from the loan officer requesting measures to be taken for payment of the mortgage given by Geo B Ewart, was read and referred to the Comptroller & Counsel

A Petition from James Langley a Tenant under the Corporation was received stating that at a fire in chatham St, his House was destroyed & his circumstances thereby greatly injured & praying remission of a half years rent due from him, was read and ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial of Thomas Dunning Collector of the 9[th] Ward praying further time to collect and pay the Tax of said Ward was read & leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Petition was received from Elizabeth ONeil, Widow of John ONeil deceas[d] stating that her Husband was collector of the 6[th] Ward —that immediately after his election to that office he was seized with sickness which ended in mental derangement which continued until his death—that in consequence thereof the Taxes of said Ward were not collected—that the City Treasurer has agreably to law proceeded against the estate of her Husband, and praying some relief—Whereupon

Resolved that it be referred to the Attorney [152] Council & Comptroller to report by the next meeting of the Board, with power to suspend proceedings until that time, provided that no lien or surety which this Corporation has, shall be in any manner waived or impeached

A request of Jonathan Ware, that the Common Council would direct an examination to be made of the principles upon which his scheme of Tuition is founded was read & laid on the Table

A Memorial of the Inhabitants of State St complaining of the present situation of said St and praying the same may be repaved, & also that a Well may be sunk was read & referred to the Alder[n] & assistant of the 1[st] Ward & Street Commissioner

A remonstrance of sundry persons against the Assessment for the Drain in Frankfort Street, was read & referred to the Committee on assessments

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of nuisances on the premises of the persons following

J R Livingston	owr	30 Anthony St
Ja[s] Cunningham	occp[t]	
Hen[y] B Hagermann	owr	73 Chapel "
Nath[l] Jeroleman	occp[t]	
[153] M[r] Williams	owr	110 Church St
Jn[o] Robertson	occp[t]	
Ellison	owr	7 Dover "
W[m] Silevek	occp[t]	
Rob[t] De Grushe	owr	9 D[o] "
Maria Johnson	occp[t]	
Abijah Arden	owr	5 White "
M[rs] Inderwick	occp[t]	
Jn[o] Rathbone	owr	8 Fair "
Henry Rutgers	owr	Lots in Market St
D[o] D[o]	D[o]	D[o] D[o]
D[o] D[o]	D[o]	D[o] D[o]
D[o] D[o]	D[o]	D[o] Rutgers St
Jacob Lorillard	D[o]	41 L George "
Jn[o] Lawrence	D[o]	Privies Broadway
Catharine Bancker	D[o]	Lots in Henry S[t]
George Benwood	D[o]	D[o] 79 Lombardy
Phebe Roberts	occp[t]	
Cha[s] Athens	owr	10-12 Nelsons alley
Jn[o] E Moore	occp[t]	
Oliver Sedwith	owr	8 D[o] D[o]
Oliver Reif	occp[t]	
M[rs] Banker	owr	6 D[o] D[o]
Cato Benwood	Lessee	

Oliver Sedwith	owr	4	Nelsons	alley
Wm Meighan	occpt			
James Dally	owr	2	Do	Do
Susan Scully	occpt			

Which were passed

A Report of the Board of Health to whom had been referred the Petition of John J Delamater [154] for compensation for his services was received, whereby they recommend that the sum of Fifty Dollars be allowed him

Whereupon it was ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for payment of the same

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captains. Barker, Cronk, Van Name, Wood, Waterman & Proudlock, incured by not reporting passengers agreably to law

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inspectors of the late Election in the 7th Ward for payment of certain expenses, incurred, reported that in their opinion the said acct should be allowed, which was approved & a Warrant was directed to issue for Twenty Dollars in favor of Beal N Lewis

The Finance Committee & Committee on Arts & Sciences on the Petition of the College of Physicians & Surgeons

Reported That they have had the same under consideration & sincerely regret that the Finances of the Corporation will not admit of a compliance with the wishes of so useful & so respectable a Body as the College of Physicians & Surgeons

[155] (Sigd) Thos R Smith
Nichls Fish
Arthur Burtis
Samuel Ackerly

Which was approved

The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of M Ditmas presented a Report which was referred back to him for a more full report as to the quantity of ground contained in the lot of ground petitioned for

The Comptroller presented for execution a Bond to the Mechanic's Bank for $20,000 which sum on the 13th May last he had been directed to borrow, which was directed to be duly executed

The Comptroller presented to the Board for approbation, a Deed to John B Dash for part of a Water Lot granted to Dirck Dey on the 14th october 1743 at the North River, which part is charged on the

Books in this office to Messrs Roosevelt & Bancker at an annual rent of five Dollars. It was commuted by Mr Dash on the 1st April last, when he paid into the Treasury the sum of $83..34. The residue of the above mentioned Grant was purchased by the Corporation of Richard Varick and the rent consequently ceased

(Sigd) G N Bleecker Compr

[156] The Comptroller Reported, That he has examined the Account of Bartholemew Skaats, from which it appears, that on the 16 May 1815 there was a Balance in his hands of $43.54. That advances have been made to him of $900 to purchase fuel, making in the whole $943..54 and that agreably to his account Current rendered, & receipts exhibited there has been expended the sum of $892..80 leaving a balance in his hands of $50.74 on the 21 June last

(Sigd) G N Bleecker Compr

Which was read & directed to be filed

The Comptroller presented the following

The constant succession of business which has necessarily engaged the time of the Comptroller since he entered on the duties of his office, has precluded that full and minute exposition of the concerns of the Corporation which the wishes of several members of the Board had anticipated. For the present he is limited to a concise view of some of the most prominent points which appear to require attention

Agreably to the statement on the Books there was on the 13th May last a balance in the Treasury of $436.75 Since which [time] there have been considerable Sums paid in, and Warrants issued to nearly the [157] amount remaining. The rapid improvements which have been made in the City & County in the course of a few years past have caused expenditures far exceeding the ordinary receipts into the Treasury. Some of these improvements may be considered as immediately advantageous and others as more peculiarly calculated for the benefit of posterity

The contemplated erection of a market near Beekman Slip and the extension of public Piers & Docks at the North River will if prosecuted at present make a very large accumulation of the present debt. Besides these, the progression of avenues & Roads remote from the settled part of the City, cannot fail to enhance appropriations On these subjects the prompt attention of the Council is respectfully solicited.

Buildings have been taken by appraisement for the purpose of opening Roads which from the distance from the populous part of

the City, may not probably be wanted for many years to come. Heavy sums are constantly presented for payment of Houses & Lands, which together with Commissioner's Attorney's & Court fees form an aggregate amount far exceeding the receipts *the receipts* into the Treasury from that department. The collections by no means correspond with the demands; and it is with a view of interesting the Board in a

[158] speedy & thorough investigation of this subject that it is now brought before them.

The Sinking fund went into operation in the Autumn of 1813 since which the sum of $62 000 of City Stock has been purchased by the Commissioners, leaving a balance of $638 000 at an annual Interest of 6 p^{r} Ct. There was due to the Treasurer on the 1st May last, two Quarters interest on this Stock, a balance of $18141.50 advanced by him.

Amount of Bonds payable is $167 345.74 most of which bear an interest of 6 p^{r} Ct

The plans which were framed by those who successively superintended the financial concerns of the Corporation for several years past, have generally failed, more on account of the want of stability & permanency in a regular system than in the projects which were framed for extinguishing the public debt. Calculating on a progressive accumulation of revenue from various sources, without anticipating large extensive disbursements arising in rapid succession from causes which could not be foreseen, it cannot be expected under such circumstances, that much advantage would arise from the best devised scheme. The Theory however plausible & alluring, & capable of arithmetical demonstration, was scarcely promulgated [159] & brought into operation, before it was arested by projects apparently for public benefit or by unforseen appropriations of the funds, for improvements which had not before been contemplated. The creation of a public stock was deemed at the time it originated, about four years since, not so advantageous a measure as the lessening of the debt then existing, by sales of property, and a retrenchment of extraordinary expenses

To be possessed of less real estate, connected with the gradual extinguishment of a heavy debt, was considered far preferable to the embarrassing system which was then adopted. In a lengthy report which was made to the Board on the 13th January 1812 it was observed as a sound maxim in pecuniary concerns in private life, that expenditures should always be limited by the amount of income, where this is not attended to embarrassments ensue, just demands are unsatisfied credit suffers, and eventually an accumulation of interest absorbs the

Capital. The same principle is not inapplicable to public concerns and prudence dictates the necessity of circumscribing disbursements to the means possessed of meeting all engagements. It was then recommended to diminish the public debt by selling various portions of land on this [160] Island which were particularly designated; and to forbear for the present entering into any further public improvements, either in the erection of new buildings, or any other object not absolutely indispensible.

Agreably to an act of the State Legislature passed the 12 April last, the Corporation are authorized and empowered to appoint some proper person to levy & collect the Tax of any description on Lands or tenements in this City which shall remain unpaid on the day on which the collectors are limited by law to account for the collection of the same. The provisions made in the same act relative to the sale of lands & tenements within the City of New York for unpaid Taxes, shall apply to all such Taxes charged on lands & tenements within the said City as shall appear by the returns of the respective Collectors at any time heretofore to have been in arear. Provision is also made for the collection of any assessment upon any lands or tenements which hath heretofore been or hereafter shall be made & confirmed according to law

As a considerable amount of Taxes are annually in arear in the respective Wards it is recommended that measures should be taken to effect a settlement to as large an extent as possible. Whenever the arearages of any Tax shall be collected in manner [161] aforesaid, the same shall be carried to the credit of the Ward in which it shall be charged.

The greatest difficulty attending the collection of arrears of taxes on real estate particularly in the upper wards—is the want of accurate maps to identify the property assessed.

During the lapse of several years considerable inacuracy has prevailed, owing principally to the assessors not having an accurate knowledge of the owners of tracts of vacant ground, and following too closely the Books of preceding years, changes of owners subdivisions of Plots of land, & other occurrences that are continually taking place, have tended much to impede a correct assessment & collection of Taxes.

To remedy this defect it was proposed some years ago to have maps prepared of those wards where the greatest embarrassments occur. The lots were to be numbered in order & the assessments made

in conformity therewith, some progress has been made in this business, but there is still a deficiency of maps

By the 201st Section of "an act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one act passed April 9th 1813th" The Mayor Recorder & Aldermen or any five of them, whereof the Mayor or Recorder to be one, are directed & required on the 1st Tuesday in may in every year to nominate & appoint one or more fit person or [162] persons for each & every of the Wards, being inhabitants of the said City & actually resident in such respective Wards, to be overseers of the Wells & Pumps in such respective wards for the year then next ensuing" This business has hitherto been under the management of the Superintendent of repairs, but whether any alteration can be made for the better, the Board will determine.

The establishment of signal Poles at Staten Island, is placed by a law of the Corporation of the 4th January 1808 under the management & direction of the Comptroller of this City—on an examination of the account of receipts & expenditures for about three years past there appears a balance against this acct of near one thousand Dollars. It is proposed to leave the erection of Signals with those merchants who may be inclined to support at their own expense this establishment, and as it has been contemplated by them to have a Telegraph at the Narrows, and the number who formerly contributed to the Signals, has very considerably diminished, the sanction of the Corporation is necessary to repeal the Law if they think proper so to do

The extensive Buildings erected at Bellevue, for the new Alms House, have [163] required considerable Sums from the Treasury

From the 1st July to 31 Decr	1811	there was expended.....	72891.34
In the year.....	1812	"	80900
	1813	"	90000
	1814	"	79000
	1815	"	26000
	1816 6 mo to 1 July.....		10000
	Total in 5 Years.....		358791.34

The old Alms House expenses are as follows

In the Year.....	1813.....	70000
	1814.....	87700
	1815.....	77000
	1816 6 mo to 1 July.....	25300
	Total in 3½ Years.....	260000

In the last eight & an half years, there has been charged to the account of Commissioners of Streets & roads the sum of $42 836..50

principally for the purchase & erection of monumental Stones, Surveys & Maps for the Avenues & Streets on the Island. This amount or any part of it does not appear to have been refunded from any source, but remains a charge against the City & County. Agreably to a Report made by the Finance Committee on the 23d March 1812 and which was sanctioned by the Board, it was agreed that a commutation should be proposed, to those concerned in Water Lot grants issued from the 26 July 1734 to the 1st January 1803 on the payment of a sum of money into the Treasury, which will make the rents equal [164] to Six per cent of the money so paid.

The time has been since extended to the 1st January 1804. The number of grants embraced by the above regulation is 219 of which 59 have been commuted producing the sum of 12704..60 nearly the whole of which has been appropriated by the Commissioners of the sinking fund to the purchase of City Stock. To this fund is also added, the amount received from Pawn Brokers Licenses, Hack Licenses Market fees, Vaults in Streets, Interest on City Stock purchased by the Commissioners, Water lot rents previous to the year 1804, and the commutation of Wheat quit rents on certain lands in the 9th Ward, sold subject to that incumbrance. Of 63 Lots comprised in the above list at an annual payment of 4 Bushels of Wheat each 13 have been commuted amounting to $1733..29.

The City Tax of $180 000 for the year 1815 has not all been settled at the Treasury

The Chamberlain has been obliged to take legal measures to effect a settlement with the Collectors of two Wards for considerable balances due. This Year the Tax of the City & County is $160 000 exclusive of $5024..26 which is to be added thereto, and collected for the Commissioners of Common Schools.

The ordinary Revenue comprises the [165] monies arrising from Water Lots subsequent to 1 January 1804. Common Lands. Docks and Slips. House & Ground rent. Ferries. Street manure. Mayoralty fees. Tavern Licenses Excise Licenses, and sales at auction—no exact calculation can be made of the permanent amount of the above sources of revenue as many of them are contingent, and vary annually according to circumstances

For the Year ending 31 December 1815 there was received the sum of $71492..79

It might be deemed premature to offer an opinion of the probable demands which may be made on the Treasury during the remainder of the Year; as the Common Council possess the exclusive power of

prosecuting the contemplated improvements, or suspending them for a limited time. Their decision on this subject will have an important influence on the fiscal concerns of this City. Should it be determined not to relax in public improvements at present, it will then be necessary to prepare in some way, for the additional debt which will necessarily be incurred. By a strict attention to a prudent disbursement of the funds, the retrenchment of sundry incidental charges, which tho' of small amount when taken separately, yet form a large item under the head of contingencies in the course of the year—and by abstaining [166] from entering on expenses which can be dispensed with, compatible with the welfare of the Community—a prospect will be opened of relieving the pressure existing at the Treasury department; and of lessening the burthens which otherwise will infallibly be experienced by our fellow Citizens

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker Compt^{r}

Which was referred to the Finance Committee & fifty copies directed to be printed for the use of the members of the Board

The Counsel on the Petition of George Streighthoff Reported—That the Petitioner has leased for four or five Years a house & about a dozen acres of land for which he pays a rent of seventy or eighty Pounds, That the Eighth avenue when opened will take about an acre of his ground, a part of which is now cultivated as a garden; That the avenue is not yet opened and probably will not be extended through his ground until some time in the Fall

The law which regulates the opening of Streets & avenues provides, that when any portion of leased premises are taken that the rent shall be so apportioned as that the part thereof justly & equitable payable or that ought to be paid for the residue thereof and no more, shall be [167] recoverable, Under these circumstances the only loss which the petitioner can sustain will be a twelfth part of the difference, if any between the real value of the premises for the residue of the term & the rent reserved

But independent of these facts the Counsel is of opinion, that considerations of policy would render it inexpedient for the Common Council to grant any relief

The Law regulating the opening of Streets & avenues has amply provided for the remuneration of those whose property may be taken, If when they totally neglect to exhibit their claims (as was the fact in this case) or if when they have exhibited them & they are not satisfied with the report of the Commissioners & with the judgment of the Supreme Court, upon exceptions to that report, they can obtain relief

from the Common Council, a multitude of applications will be made to the great vexation of the board & its officers. Nor will this be the only pernicious consequence. When the Report of the Commissioners is confirmed by the Supreme Court, it must be carried into effect. If any relief is granted by the Common Council it must be out of the City Treasury. Thus negligent individuals will be enabled to burthen the public with the consequences of neglecting their own business

The Council therefore recommends that [168] the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Sig^{d} Ogden Edwards

Which was approved

The attorney stating that the follow^{g} Laws had expired the same were re-enacted

A Law relative to the Park

A Law to regulate the sale cartage and inspection of manure exported from this City

A Law to prevent the delivery of liquors to the crews of public armed vessels in certain cases

A Law to prohibit the firing of guns within certain limits

A Law for the due observance of the Lords day called Sunday

A Law establishing an uniformity in the caps of Firemen of the City of New York

A Law to prevent swimming & bathing at improper times & places & for other purposes

A Law to regulate market fees in temporary Markets & for other purposes

The Street Commissioner presented an estimate of the expense of making a road through part of the 8th avenue to Macombs Bridge which was read [169] and laid on the table

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the following assessments

For regulating & paving Elm St
" D^{o} D^{o} Franklin St
" repairing Sewer in Oak St
" Well & Pump in Stanton St
D^{o} D^{o} Dominick St
D^{o} D^{o} Broome St

Whereupon Warants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well &

Pump in Bayard St—one for regulating Murray St between Washington St & the Bulk head, and for paving Fair Street from William to Pearl St—which were severally confirmed & William Welling appointed Collector in each

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the Petition of Christian Bergh, reported that in their opinion it would be improper to grant the prayer of the Petition, but recommended that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets,

Which was approved & the subject was referred accordingly

The following Report was received from the [170] *from the* Bellevue Committee & Commissioners of the Alms House

The Bellevue Committee & the Commissioners of the Alms House to whom the Petition of M B Crane was referred together with the subject generally of making arrangements for the temporary reception of Paupers.

Report as their opinion

1st That it be recommended to the Common Council to appoint two assistant Keepers of the Penitentiary

2d That it be recommended that the first floor of the N. E. Wing of the Penitentiary be set apart for the keeping of such Idiots & lunatics, as are, or may become chargeable to the said City

3d That it be recommended that so much of the first floor of the East wing of the Bridewell as the Commissioners of the Alms House shall deem necessary, be set apart for the temporary relief and reception of paupers and the Superintendt of the Alms House give directions to the Purveyor to furnish the requisite provisions for the support of said paupers as may be from time to time received

4th It being necessary upon the present arrangements of the Alms House Department, that some person should be constantly at the place destined for the reception of paupers to enquire into the cases of persons sent to, [171] or applying for admission—It is recommended that the Common Council appoint an assistant or Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House for that purpose, whose duty it shall be to perform all such services appertaining to the office of said Commissioners as he may be directed by them to perform, at a salary of $500 per annum payable quarterly

(Sigd) Reuben Munson
Geo B Thorp
John Brown
Nichs Fish

Which having been read was approved

The Board then proceeded to appoint two assistant Keepers, to the Keeper of the Penitentiary, when John Woodruff and Isaac Adriance, were appointed

The Board also proceeded to appoint an assistant or Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House, when Josiah Shippey Junr was appointed

A Law entitled "a Law concerning the Penitentiary of the City of New York" was presented read & passed

Upon motion of Mr Talman it was referred to the Counsel to report at the next meeting an ordinance to prohibit the making of loud & improper noises in the Streets either in the day or night

[172] The Comptroller & Street Commissioner on the Petition of Alexn Coffin agent of the State Prison, for Water Lot grant

Reported, That in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted On condition however that whenever the Corporation of this City shall require any part of the waters in front of the granted premises for a public Basin, that the Wharfage of so much thereof shall cease to the State, as shall be required by the said Corporation shall bear no part of the expense that may arise from the improvement of the granted premises

(Sigd) G N Bleecker Compr
Jno McComb St Comsr

Which was approved & a grant directed to issue accordingly

On Motion of Aldern Burtis the Superintendent of repairs was directed to pull down & remove the wash House formerly occupied by the old Alms House, and that the materials of the same be at the disposal of the Committee of the Fire Department

On motion of Aldern Smith Resolved that the late Keeper of the Bridewell & City prison be allowed to continue on the premises until the first day of august next under such Regulations as a Committee of the corporation may direct

[173] Committee appointed were Aldern Buckmaster Aldern Smith Mr Brown

On motion of Mr Thorpe—John Brower was removed from the office of Sealer of Weights & measures of this City, and Oliver Vanderbilt was appointed to that office

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	7294.75
Bond to the Mechanics Bank	20000.
	27294.75

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd do	621.25
Norris & Anderson do	670.25
Bleakley & Brown do	339.50
Jon Weeden Depy St Comssr 1 Mo 1 Inst	50.
S Hutchings Do 21 May to Do	70.
John Smith Do Do	70.
John Bedient Coroner 1 Qr to 1 Inst	522.67
John Austin Messenger to Corpn 1 Mo 24 June	30.
J Cochran Do Do	30.
N Allen & assts City Prison in full	215.20
J Hays 1 Mo Salry executing laws	66.66
N G Ingraham 5 Boxes Candles	63.85
B Hicks removing nuisances	8.25
Evens Post 6 mo to 16 may last	75.
R Burcham list passengers 6 mo to 1 may	25.
J Dowe cars hire	18.50
[174] Thos B Gates Cars hire	15.
G Bowen Do	4.
J Combs repairs Pumps 7 & 10th Wds	53.93
H Brush Do 10 Do	50.19
J Richardson Do Wells 6 7 8 10 Do	40.36
Josh L Church Do Pumps 10 Do	37.50
Geo Charlton Do Wells 1 Do	8.25
G Snethen Supdt Lamps 1 mo to 2d Inst	526.76
Palmer & Hamilton 5 Casks Oil	437.10
Barker & Hopkins 1 Do Sperm Oil	110.25
R T Watson 32 Do Oil	1009.12
J Haviland reprs to Engines 2 Feb to 14 June	815.50
J Watkins Timber for late Supdt Reprs	77.30
J Mackay painting Do Do	46.56
H Miller Sadlery Do Do	11.68
J P Roome Supdt Reprs drains Eng Houses	1200.
Mary Fash House No 455 Pearl St	500.
B Skaats to purchase fuel	900.
E Ginnings Acct working 3d Avenue	2160.
J Bailey Acct paving Chatham Square	400.
R Hunter balc awd property to open Hudson St	2070.
W Brown Do Do Chapel St	1445.
G W & Mary Gray Do Do Hudson St	680.
J J Stuart Do Do 8 Avenue	62.
Atty Fees Surplus assmt opens 2 avenue, St Comsr	35.
J Cozine property to open 8 Avenue	1800.
Letitia Hegeman Do Do Do	770.
J McComb St Comsr Court, Attoneys & Commissioners fees Openg 10 avene to Hudson R	149.71
Do Do Do Do openg 28th St from 3 Avene to East River	234.58

Wm & G Post property to open Fair St	42.
[175] J Bailey pavg Cr Peck Slip & Front St	82.77
A Smyth Acct regulatg Washington St	400.
Do Do pavg Chapel St	100.
C Mooney Do Do at Catharine Market	200.
A Bussing award for 125th St	250.
L Bleecker for N Y Free School on Acct	500.
F B Winthrop for City Dispensary 1 Qr	250.
A L Stewart award for property to open Hudson St	1779.
R Furman Supdt Alms House	4600.
J Morton Indexg 30th vol minutes	60.
	$
Balance	$

[176] In Common Council July 8th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen.	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes		Anthony L Underhill
Peter Conrey		John Brown
Thomas R Smith		William Stone
George Buckmaster		Robert McQueen
Arthur Burtis		Samuel Akerly
Nichls Fish		George B Thorp
Reuben Munson		John H Talman
		Thomas Cooper

Assistants

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Uriah Conklin praying license to carry goods upon a small hand carts instead of a Horse Cart or Wheel barrow was read, and Ordered that the Counsel report an Ordinance authorising the use of Hand Carts as well as Wheel Barrows

A Petition of Cort Went stating his indigence & praying the grant of a Pawn brokers license at a less sum than that fixed by law—was read & referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of Silvanus Conklin praying [177] remission of a penalty incurred by firing a gun in the 9th Ward on his own premises, was read and referred to the Counsel, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition of John R Livingston complaining of an undue assessment upon him for making Goerck St. was read & referred to the Street Commissioner & Counsel to report

A Letter from W^m^ Welling appointed Collector on several assessments at the last meeting of the Board, stating that a necessary absence from Town would prevent his immediate attention to the collec—Whereupon Resolved that Noah Jarvis be appointed Collector in those assessments in place of W^m^ Welling

A Petition of Rob^t^ Henry for an appointment to some office, was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Memorial of sundry masters of lime Vessels complaining of Dan^l^ Fash measurer of lime for misconduct—was read & referred to the Committee on the subject of a complaint against the measurers of lime—viz M^r^ Lorillard Stone Akerly

[178] A Petition of sundry Owners of Collect Lots praying that the Streets around them may be regulated & paved, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner, to report

Petitions of Daniel Burtsell, James Vanderburgh & Alexander Fink for Butchers Stalls were read & referred to the market Committee

A Petition for a Pump in Cherry St near Walnut St, was read and referred to the Alder^n^ & Assistant of the Ward & St Comss^r^ to report ordinance

A Memorial of a Committee of the Inhabitants of the Town of Raleigh N Carolina stating that the Inhabitants had lately suffered great losses by a destructive fire and soliciting some pecuniary aid, was read & referred to the Committee of charity

A Petition that Water St may be continued from the East side of Rutgers Slip to the dwelling House of M^rs^ M^c^Crea, was read and referred to the Street Com^ee^ & St Comss^r^

A Petition that Pump St from the intersection of Orange St to the Collect may be paved, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

[179] The Finance Committee on the account of the Peace Officers for attending the last Election Reported. That they have examined the same which amounts to four hundred twenty Dollars, a sum considerably more than that of any preceeding year, and which in their opinion has been unnecessarily augmented

The[y] cannot but remark on the practice lately come into use among the Inspectors of our annual Elections of multiplying in most of the Wards without any apparent reason the number of peace Officers. It is supposed that in all, except extraordinary cases, three would be sufficient for all the duties to be performed; and yet by the account pre-

sented it appears that from four to Six marshalls & Constables were employed in all the wards excepting the 1st & 2d where only three were stationed & the 6th where extraordinary circumstances required more

Nor can your Committee see the necessity or propriety of employing from four to six Officers as appears by the account at $2 per day to attend the canvassing & counting of the votes after the election is finally closed, there certainly can then exist no danger of the public peace being interrupted or the Election franchise invaded

In one instance it appears that one of the Officers was able to attend two of the Polls [180] at the same time, tho' at a distance of half a mile from each other, or found some other means to obtain from the Inspectors certificates for five days service, when the whole period of employment, as is well known cannot exceed four days

How far it may have been customary for the High Constable & First Marshall to receive compensation during the election without having any duties assigned them by the Inspectors, your Committee will not undertake to determine, but they do not hesitate to say they see no justice or propriety in the charge

Under all the circumstances however; not doubting but the officers have faithfully performed their duty as required by the Inspectors & not intending to cast any blame upon them—the account being accompanied by the usual vouchers & the same practice, tho' not in so great a degree, having prevailed in preceeding years, Your Committee recommend that the Comptroller make out a Warrant for the amount, first deducting one days services of the officer who by some means has credit for five days; & twelve Dollars charged by the high Constable & first Marshall for what is termed an omission of last year, but of which there is not exhibited any proof and it is hoped that in future such abuses may be corrected & more [181] attention paid to the public interest

(Sigd) Thos R Smith
Jacob Lorillard
Reuben Munson

Which was approved & the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant agreably thereto

The Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants of State Street presented a Report, which was read & the consideration thereof postponed

The Comptroller on the Petition of M Ditmas presented a report, which was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department & Comptroller

The Counsel agreably to order presented "a Law to prevent the blowing of Horns & other instruments by persons exposing articles for sale in the Streets of the City of New York," which was read & passed

The City Inspector presented ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Jacob Halsey owr Jn° Lee occp^t	515	Greenwich St
Jacob Halsey owr Rob^t M^{c}Carthy occp^t	517	D° "
[182] Jacob Halsey owr W^m Hoghland occp^t	515	Greenwich S^t
Jn° Moore ocp^t & ow^r	18	Harman "
Jn° Swartwout owr Rob^t Walker occp^t	49	Water "
John Kermit owr James A Moore occp^t	43	Stone "
Jacob Halsey owr W^m Hoghland occp^t	515	Greenwich "
Jn° Moore occpt & owr	18	Harman "

(Sig^d) Geo Cumming City Insp^r

which were passed

The Street Commissioner & Counsel on the Petition of certain auctioneers presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances, for a Well & Pump in 3^d St between Pump & Hester St, & for a Well & Pump in Crosby St between Spring & Prince St, which were passed and Ab^m Bloodgood, Jacob L Mott & aquila Giles were appointed assessors

He also presented an ordinance for *for* repaving Water St from Beekman to Burling Slip, which was passed and William Stillwell. Tho^s C Taylor and Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors

[183] The City Inspector Reported—That nuisances exist in the Collect—East side of the Canal on the property of Dominick Lynch Esq^r—M^r Lynch is now at Rome and no acknowledged Agent of his in the City and consequently, altho' ordinances for their removal have been served no attention has been paid to them

He respectfully suggests as the only practical remedy, that the Corporation may direct the filling in the Eastern Bank of the collect Canal,

the property of Mr Lynch & hold a lien on said property for the expenses thereby incurred

(Sigd) Geo Cumming City Inspr

Which was agreed to

A Law was presented entitled "a Law for an appointment of an Assistant Street Commissioner" which was read & passed, and Roswell Graves was appointed to that office

The following persons were appointed Firemen the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 3

Wm Ross, coach Trimmer Ann St Wd vice Michael Tremper deceasd

Wm Burrows, Cabnt Maker Nassau St 1 Wd vice John W Clinch resigd

[184] No 8

John Gillespie Blacksmith Anthony St 5 Wd vice Benjn Ogden resigd

Joseph Davis Grocer Gold St 3 Wd Vice James Sherman Do

James Youngs Cooper Rose St 3 Wd Vice John R Leacraft Do

Lebie Bogert Mason Vice George Brooks Do

No 11

States M Mead, Cabnt maker 2 Coentius Slip 1 Wd Vice James Segoine resgd

Israel C Holmes Mercht 74 Pearl St 1 Wd Vice Isaac Stevens resgd

Thos K Dubois Mercht 17 Moore 1 Wd Vice Wm Lawson removd in Country

John Watts 78 Water St 1 Wd vice Thos S Brown resgd

Wm Force Carpenter 49 Pearl St 1 Wd Vice Charles Ames resgd

No 13

James Burling Mercht 173 Water St 2d Wd vice Tredwell Seaman resgd

James G Smith Mercht 22 Beekn Slip 2 Wd Vice Thos W Birdsall resgd

No 15

Alexr Whayley, Locksmith 10 Cathn St 4 Wd Vice Robert Dodge resgd

No 25

Bellarmin Leland Book binder 22 Oak St 4 Wd Vice John Seaman resgd

[185] John A Butler carver &c 154 Chamber St 5th Wd Vice Gideon Clock Forfeited by absence

Joseph C Butler carver &c 154 Chamber 5 Wd Vice Peter Field Junr resgd

Samuel Dunbar, Carpenter 30 Roosevelt St 4 Wd Vice James J Hoyt resgd

Abner White Carpenter Cr Cathan & Henry St 7 Wd Vice John C Tucker resgd

No 33

William Hunter, Iron monger Rutgers St 7 Wd Vice Abraham Halsey resgd

The Committee on the remonstrance against opening 9th St presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed—A Resolution was then proposed requesting the Commissioners of Assessment on said Street to delay further proceedings therein until the further order of the Supreme Court thereon

Which was agreed to

The Report of the Road Committee on the subject of opening a part of 8th avenue & the Street Commissioners report of the estimated expense of the same were called up & read as follows

The Committee of Roads having lately examined the state of the Roads on this Island—which they have found in good repair, and having at the same time paid some attention to the situation of the ground over which the upper end of the 8th avenue [186] will pass, would respectfully recommend to the Board that a Road be formed thro' that part of the 8th avenue that lies between the Kingsbridge Road & Harlaem River, and that the Hill on this side of Macombs Bridge be reduced & the lower end raised so as to form an easier ascent

In making this communication the Committee beg leave to remark that Coln Macomb has built a permanent Bridge across Harlaem River from Bussings Point to Devoes Point near the termination of the 8th avenue whereby a direct communication is made with the heart of Westchester County & a new passage opened into this City, that contemplating the course of the roads connected with this Bridge on the Westchester side its central position being about midway between the Sound & Hudson River and other advantages attendant thereon—Your Committee cannot avoid declaring this enterprise worthy the attention of the Corporation—and with a view of immediately securing this City the advantages to be derived therefrom they have suggested the working of the Road as above stated as the distance is not above a mile

and a quarter; and the expense that will be incurred will be inconsiderable

Sig[d] Reuben Munson
[187] William Stone
Thomas Cooper
John Brown
Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Com[sr]

The Street Comss[rs] Report—on the expense was as follows

The Street Commissioner begs leave to represent to the Common Council that agreably to their directions—he has obtained an estimate for forming a Road thro' the upper end of the Eighth Avenue—and for reducing the Hill on this side of Macombs Bridge viz—For making the Road from the Kingsbridge Road at 121[st] Street to the Highway that leads to Macombs Bridge $1300 the distance being about one mile & a quarter For altering the ascent of the Hill on this side of the Bridge so as to give an easier draft $500 making together $1800

(Sig[d]) Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

On the question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative and the Street Commissioner, was directed to take the necessary measures fore the same

Upon motion of Alder[n] Burtis Patrick Baron was appointed a Weighmaster and on motion of M[r] Stone John A Smith Sen[r] Simon Ackerman & Charles Ross were appointed measurers of Lumber

[188] Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council furnish to each of the newly elected members a set of the laws of the State of New York

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council cause to be published a list of the names of the members & officers of the Corporation, with the places of their residence and also the names and residence of persons holding appointments under the Board

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that the Bellevue Com[ee] & the Com[ee] on Arts & Sciences are hereby empowered to appropriate such Room or Rooms in the City Prison & old Alms House (not now necessarily occupied) for the use of the Commissioners of the Alms House, as they shall think the public good requires

A Resolution directing the present attorney & Counsel to take charge of the unfinished business of the Corporation, in the hands of the late Attorney & Counsel—was read & the consideration thereof postponed

The Comptroller Reported

[189A] Cash in the Treasury..... $5844.59

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following acctᵉ

S McCormick Keepr Park 1 Mo 1 Instᵗ	45.
R Marsh labor at Battʸ 12 days June	13.50
J B Strong sundries for Artillʸ 4 Inst	68. 1
J Sidney posting Bills for St Comssʳ	10.50
B N Lewis & Inspʳˢ 7 Ward Expenses	20.
J S Delamater conveyᵉ Paupers to Hospital	50.
G Hoyt 9 Mo Rent Engᵉ House Nº 9	45.
G Youle led work for Pumps	7.50
Abʳ Stagg acct regulatᵉ Goerck St	1500.
Wᵐ Brady Superteneᵉ 3 Avenue	34.
Abʳ Higgins balᶜ regulatᵉ Fair St	553.
Abʳ Acker balᶜ Dº Desbrosses St	286.34
E Ginnings Acct 3ᵈ Avenue	1200.
Aᵈ Smyth balᶜ due on Broadway	228.44
J Bailey Acct pavᵉ Chatham Park	200.
Arcᵈ Smyth balᶜ repavᵉ Anthony St	150.96
Thoˢ Scott balᶜ due on Broadway	133.44
S Baxter earth on Collect Lots	112.40
Chaˢ Bruce award for Fair St	100.
P Mooney Acct paving Franklin St	100.
R Furman Supᵈᵗ Alms House	986.
	$
	$

[189B] In Common Council July 15, 1816

present—The Honˡ Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presᵈᵗ

John B Coles		Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes		Anthʸ L Underhill
Augⁿ H Lawrence		John Brown
Peter Conrey		William Stone
Thoˢ R Smith	Aldermen	Robᵗ McQueen — Assistants
Wᵐ Al Burtis		Samˡ Akerly
George Buckmaster		George B Thorpe
Arthur Burtis		John H Tallman
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Cooper
Reuben Munson		

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of 9th Ward praying some aid

in the establishment of a free School—which was read and referred to the Committee on arts & Sciences

A Petition of sundry Pawnbrokers praying that the Sum paid for license may be lessened was read & referred to Alder^{n} Buckmaster Coles Burtis

A Petition of N Jenks for remission of [190] penalties incurred by selling liquor without License, and of Jane Mitchell of a similar nature, were read & Resolved that upon N Jenks paying one fine of $12..50 and costs the remainder be remitted, and that the fine of Jane Mitchell be remitted on payment of Costs

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against widening Bridge St was read & referred to the former Committee on that subject viz Com^{ee} on Streets

A Communication was received from D Rogers accompanied with the first Six N^{os} of the City Hall Recorder, which he presented to the Common Council, was read & his polite offer accepted

A Petition of Mary Blakeley Widow and Administratrix of Davis Blakely deceased, was read stating that Lot N^{o} 19 Fayette St late the property of her Husband, was by order of the Surrogate sold, and owing to a mistake in the hour of sale but few bidders attended and it was bought by the Corporation at a sum much below its value & praying some relief—Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Charity

A Petition for a Well in N Moore St and for one corner of Lewis & Stanton St were read & [191] referred to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Memorial from Sam^{l} L Mitchill & others owners of Lots between Dover & Rosevelt Street complaining of the rate of quit rent established for Water Grants fronting their Lots, & praying the Corporation to reconsider those rates was read & referred to the Finance Committee & Comptroller

A Petition for paving Elm St between Hester & Grand Sts was read & referred to the alder^{n} & assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants complaining of the great noise made by the night scavengers, was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Philip Carrier for a Butchers license and a stall in the Fly Market was read & referred to the market Committee

A Petition of Daniel Huestis for remission of a penalty incurred

by not complying with an ordinance respecting a nuisance was read & granted on payment of costs

[192] A Petition of W^m Eagen for appointment of Inspector of Wood—of Thomas Ammerman for appointment of City measurer of John Guest for an appointment under the Corporation, and of Rob^t Niven for appointment of Measurer of Timber, were severally read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Communication of D Melvill accompanied with the Copy of a patent granted to him for an improved gas apparatus & offering his services in lighting the City with Gas was read & referred to the former Committee on that subject—viz The Committee on Arts & Sciences

A Petition of Domingo White for remission of fine incurred by selling squibs & crackers, was read & ordered, Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of the Deputy Clerks of the Fly & Washington Markets for an encrease of their allowance, was read & laid upon the Table

A Petition of John Horn for appointment of Superintendent of Watch at the Penitentiary was read & referred to the Watch Committee

A Resolution was also presented as follows

[193] Resolved that a night Watch be established at the Penitentiary for the guarding of the same, consistin[g] of men, and that it be upon the same establishment with the night watch of the City, and under the direction of the Watch Committee

Which Resolution was also referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the 6^th Ward praying that Collect St may be opened regulated & paved from Water to Canal St, was read & referred to Alder^n Coles AlBurtis M^r Thorpe

Upon the Report of the attorney penalties were remitted to Capt^ns Potter, Cleary Buntin Cathlin & Prince incurred by not reporting Passengers agreably to Law

The attorney presented the following Communication

The attorney of the Corporation respectfully reports that complaints have been entered against the following auctioneers M^r Whitemore—N G Ingraham—Mess^rs Hoffman & Glass—M^r Paxton—Mess^rs Henry & C^o & L Powers, for selling Horses carriages & dry goods in Wall St—and for selling merchandise in Water St without the limits assigned by law—It appeared from those Gentlemen that the complaints were well [194] founded, but that in consequence of the want of room in Wall Street, as they state, they are and for some time

past have been in the habits of encroaching upon the other Streets, which they supposed in consequence of their not being forbid, was tolerated—that dry goods horses and carriages have occasionally been sold by them in Wall St, and they supposed that there was no law in force prohibiting the same, in as much as it had been done, without complaint

Under these circumstances the attorney submits to the Board the propriety of remitting the penalties incurred in the above mentioned instances on payment of costs

(Sig^{d}) A Sherman

Whereupon ordered that that part of the report relative to the sales of goods be laid upon the Table and that in the cases of sales of Horses, the attorney be directed to prosecute

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 28.

Henry M^{c}Guire, Cartman Cr 2^{d} & Riving^{n} S 10 W^{d} Vice Nathaniel Rhodes res^{gd}

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, on the premises [195] of the persons following

John Laughlin	owr & occp^{t}	43 Duane St
Christopher Merkle	Lessee	30 Anthony St
Ja^{s} Cunningham	Occp^{t}	
John J Astor	owr	Lots in Carlton St
Cha^{s} Del Vecchio	owr	38 Vesey St
James Gorman	occp^{t}	
Tho^{s} orr	owr	6 Chatham St
Jn^{o} Brogan	occp^{t}	
Rich^{d} Riker	owr	54. 55. 56 Nassau St
James Morange	Lessee	
George Chavall Edgar Hicks &		
Henry Julian Maillard	occpt^{s}	

Which were passed

The Committee on Wharves &^{c} on the Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Old Slip presented a report the consideration of which was postponed

The Market Committee presented the follow^{g}

The Market Committee beg leave to recommend the following persons for License as they appear from a late return from the deputy Clerk of Catharine Market to be standing without the same

John P Harmony	Stall N°	15	Joseph Conklin	Stall N°	18
James Taylor	D° "	16	Joseph Hyde	D° "	19
Samuel Martin	D° "	17	Benj[n] Lovell	D° "	20
[196] Walter Durbrow	D° "	21	George Stagg	D° "	35
Isaac Wood	" "	22	Andrew Smock	" "	36
Silvenus S Townsend	" "	23	William Merserve	" "	37
John K Floor	" "	24	Albert Fisher	" "	38
Jacob Varian	" "	25	James Reeves	" "	39
Jacob H Varian	" "	26	James Sullivan	" "	40
William Shot	" "	27	Jacob Acker	" "	41
Richard Platt	" "	28	Mathew Vogal	" "	42
James Goodman	" "	29	John King	" "	43
Andrew Hutton	" "	30	William Appleby	" "	44
Jonathan Skillman	" "	31	Nicholas Dean	" "	45
Thomas M[c]Crady	" "	32	Thomas Marshall	" "	46
James Camble	" "	33	Thomas Place	" "	47
Jacob Odell	" "	34	George W Varian	" "	48

(Sig[d]) G Buckmaster
A H Lawrence
Jn° B Coles
William Stone
Thomas Cooper

[197] which was approved, and the persons therein named directed to take out their Licenses

The Committee on Finance on the Petition of Gurdon S Mumford & other presented a report which was laid upon the table

The Alder[n] & Ass[t] of the 4[th] W[d] & Street Commiss[r] on the remonstrance & Petition of sundry Inhabitants of James St reported That so far as their communication respects the drain or Common Sewer in that Street, your Committee are of opinion that no more has been done than was necessary to remove the existing, & prevent a recurrence, of the evil complained of

Your Committee would recommend that so much of the application as suggests the propriety of the Lots & Yards being filled up so as to throw the water into the Street be complied with—and that the City Inspector be instructed to take such measures as may be necessary and proper to carry the same into effect

(Sig[d]) Peter Conrey
John Brown
Jn° M[c]Comb St Coms[r]

Which was approved

The Street Committee & Street Commissioner [198] on the Petition for opening Water Street Reported That inasmuch as the contemplated improvement would if carried into effect be of considerable benefit to that part of the City, but in their opinion the advantages to be derived therefrom would be much greater by making considerable improvements at Rutgers Slip. they would therefore recommend that an ordinance be passed directing the proprietors of Water Lots on each side of Rutgers Slip to make suitable Wharves or Piers to the Southerly line of South Street, and that the Proprietor of the grants for Water Lots, east of Rutgers Slip, make & continue water Street thence to the House of the Widow M^{c}Crea. Your Committee would however suggest the propriety of suspending the contemplated improvements until the first of May next, in order that the Proprietors may have time to purchase the materials to advantage and make their contracts for carrying the same into effect, and especially as the state of the health of one of the principal proprietors (Col^{n} Rutgers) will not admit of attention to business at present

(Sig^{d}) G Buckmaster
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb S^{t} Com$^{s r}$
Peter Conrey
A H Lawrence

Which Report having been read was agreed to

[199] The Counsel agreably to order presented "a Law for licensing & regulating Hand Cartmen in the City of New York" which was read by paragraphs & passed

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for repaving Pearl St from Burling to near Beekman Slip, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented an ordinance for paving Greenwich St from Spring St to the Southerly side of Canal Street; which was passed and Ab^{m} Bloodgood, Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles, were appointed assessors

Also an ordinance for a Well & Pump in Cherry St between Walnut & Corlears St—which was passed & Morris De Camp Aquila Giles & Jacob C Mott appointed assessors

The Committee on the Petition that Pump St may be paved from the intersection of Orange St to the Collect, reported in favor of the Petitioners. Which was agreed to & the Street Commissioner directed, to take the necessary measures therefor

The Finance Committee reported that they had appointed William

H Bunn to sign the Corporation small money Bills [200] which was approved—and it was ordered that a Power of Attorney under the corporate seal be executed to him giving him the requisite authority therefor

It was also resolved that a sum not exceeding Ten thousand Dollars be issued

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that the out buildings formerly belonging to the old Alms House establishment, be appropriated to such uses, as the Bellevue Committee & the Commissioners of the Alms House shall think proper, or be removed and disposed of, as to them shall seem best

A Resolution was presented by Alder[n] Smith directing the Collectors of Taxes after having made their final returns to the City Treasurer to deliver over their Tax Books to the Treasurer, which after some discussion, was laid for further consideration

Resolved that at all future meetings of the Common Council if a Quorum of the members do not attend so that the Board may be formed fifteen minutes after the hour to which it shall be adjourned, that his Honor the Mayor adjourn the same to the next regular meeting thereafter

[201] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$14983.93

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Acct[s]

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	621.25
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brown Do	339.50
J Radcliff Esq[r] 1 Q[r] Salr[y] 18th Inst	1750.
J McComb St Comsr 1 Qr 12 Inst	500.
D H McGie Keepr Potters fd 1 mo 15 Inst	45.
Martling & Cozzins Dinner 4th Inst	804.
J Sidell 1s Marshl to pay Officers Elecn	406.
Mercantile Advertizer 6 Mo 1 Inst	75.
G Dummer & Co hire 3 Chandeliers 4 Inst	25.
R Dawson Cars hire 18th June	4.
John Fine repairg Pumps 5th & 8th Wds	126.74
M Reid 1st Instlmt Well & Pump Pitt St	92.40
O Waldron Overr Roads 1 Mo 1 Inst	232. 5
J P Roome Supdt Reprs to pay Sundy Bills	1000.
Mann & Bool Timber for Supdt Reprs	428. 9
A Smyth acct regulating Washington St	600.
T Scott acct pavg Fair St frm Wm to Pearl St	300.

C Mooney acct pavg Elm St	200.
T & G Lovett acct regulatg Canal St	100.
A Smyth regulatg Murray St	100.
Elias Dixon award openg Chapel St	425.
C Bird award for property 2d avenue	37.
J Halsey acct bulk Head West St Corpn proporn	2000.
J McComb St Comssr Piles Beekman Slip &c	277.50
J Randall Jr acct Surveys	500.
R Bowne Bulkhead at Brooklyn Ferry	277.50
R Furman Supdt Alms House	2300.
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Balance	$

[202] In Common Council July 22d 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Jonas Mapes	Peter A Jay
Peter Conrey	Jacob Lorillard
Thos R Smith	Anthy L Underhill
William AlBurtis	John Brown
George Buckmaster	William Stone
Reuben Munson	Robt McQueen
	Saml Akerly
	John H Tallman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the filling in of Old Slip was read, and was referred together with the report of the Committee on that subject (which was read at the last meeting and laid upon the Table,) To the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Memorial of Charles Christian praying that the part of Fair Street between Gold & Pearl St may be immediately regulated & paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

[203] A Memorial of John, Robert & Samuel Swartwout stating that they are proprietors of three thousand acres of Salt marsh land in the vicinity of the City, That they have began reclaiming the same and their experiment has succeeded to their utmost wish, That the advantages resulting to this City from a large portion of land being acquired for cultivation must be very great, that to prosecute their plan to the extent they wish, considerable funds are requisite beyond their capacity to furnish, and they therefore request the aid of the

Corporation in effecting a Loan of $100000—Ordered to be referred to Mr Recorder Mr Jay Alderm Buckmaster Mr Underhill Alderm Smith

A further memorial was presented by Edwd C Genet on the subject of a parabolic Lamp which he proposed introducing for lighting the City, instead of the lamps now used, requesting the attention of the Board to his application which was read & referred to the Lamp Comee

A Petition that a Pump in Gibbs alley which was injured at a late fire, might be repaired at the public expense was read [204] and ordered that the Superdt of repairs cause the same to be repaired at the public expense

A Memorial of sundry retail dealers, remonstrating against the demand of the public Sealers of Weights & measures to regulate their measures & to receive a fee therefor, was read & referred to the Counsel

A Memorial of the President & Directors of the Manhattan Company, was received, stating, that Dr Joseph Brown formerly Supdt of the Water works of said company, and at the same time Street Commissioner under the Corporation caused a Well to be sunk on behalf of the Company near the junction of Cross & Reed Sts—that it is uncertain whether the same is on the ground of the Company or of the Corporation, & wishing the same to be ascertained & if found to be on the property of the Corporation that the Company would be willing to pay a reasonable compensation for the same—Ordered that it be referred to the Counsel Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Edward & Wm Hitchcock Lessees of public Slips was received stating, that a number of Boats which ply between Staten Island & other places in the City, are manned by Boys from whom no wharfage can be collected [205] & praying relief, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips

A Memorial of Simon Ackerman one of the measurers of Lumber, appointed by the Corporation, was read stating, that there was a difference in the fees allowed by law to the measurers of Lumber appointed by the State, and the fees under the Corporation ordinance, & requesting direction of the Common Council as to the fees which the Corporation should charge; Whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Memorial was received from Joshua Sands, stating that in 1804 he took out a water grant from the Corporation for 1000 feet of shore at Brooklyn, that in the Grant the Corporation reserved to themselves

100 feet of the same at the foot of a Street named Bridge St, that it became necessary to run out a Wharf at the foot of said Street, which Petitioner did at his own expense, for which he prays remuneration, and also some abatement in the quit rent due, in consequence of the entire unproductiveness of the said shore

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller

[206] A Certificate from the Inspectors of the late Election in the 6th Ward, that Benjn Waldron attended said Ward as a peace officer three days was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 12 for an encrease of three members to their Company, was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department & Chief Engineer

A Petition of John Roberts for appointment of Inspector of iron work of the Corporation, was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Memorial of Christopher Colles appointed to take charge of the old Alms House Buildings lately assigned to the use of certain literary establishments was received stating, that some families who in the spring were authorized to occupy some of the Rooms, but who had been ordered to remove therefrom, had disobeyed said order & remained committing great excesses, which endangered the building, & praying some measures may be taken therein

Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House with authority to remove them therefrom

[207] The following Persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hose Compy No 1

Elijah C Barker, House Carpenr 84 Mott St 6th Wd Vice Benjn E Smith resigd

John J Holland Architect &c 25 Warren 5 Wd Vice Benjamin J Barker resigd

Fire Engn Compy No 39

Richard Canfield, Mercht Vesey St 3d Wd Vice James B Smith left City

No 40

David Porter, Blacksmith 134 Mulberry St 6th Wd Vice James Brown resigd

William Quirk Chair Painter 8 Mulberry St 6 Wd Vice John R Lecount resigd

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Zabriskie	owr	Cr Washingn & Watts St
Jacob Halsey	occpt	
Wm Whitlock	owr	59 Hester St
Matthew Vanderhoof	occupt	
John H Douglass	owr	129 Chamber St
Wm Curtis	occpt	
Elbert Anderson	owr	334 Greenwich
Wm Brown	occpt	
Henry Rutgers	owr	Cr Prince & Mott St
Chas Gillman & Isaac Odell	occpts	
Do Do		Privy
Peter Ogilvie	owr	141 Mulberry
Robert Kennedy	occpt	
[208] James Waterman	owr & occpt	32 Lumber St
Peter Ogilvie	owr	102 Anthony "
Robt Kennedy	occpt	
Robt Stone	owr & occpt	141 Mulberry "
Robt Stewart	owr	143 Do
Lineson	occpt	
James Marshall	owr	61 & 63 Elm St

Which were passed

The Comptroller recommended to the Board the adoption of the following Resolution

That public notice be given by him in the newspapers employed by the Board, to the Merchants who may be desirous of supporting the expense of Signal Staffs at Staten Island. That they leave their names at the Comptrollers Office by the 1st day of August next, at which time it will be determined whether the number of subscribers will be sufficient to authorise a continuance of the present establishment

Should the number not be adequate to maintain the expense, it is respectfully recommended, that the Law on this subject be repealed

(Sigd) G N Bleecker Compr

Which was approved

He also presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully suggests to the Board the propriety of obliging the Butchers who sell meat at the Collect Market [209] at Greenwich Market, and other places not comprised within the limits of the three deputy Clerks, now employed by this Board—to obtain

Licenses and pay the usual fees monthly; Those at the Collect Market to the Clerk of Catharine Market, and the Butchers at Greenwich & other places in the vicinity of the City to such person or persons as may be appointed by the Common Council

(Sig[d]) G N Bleecker Comp[r]

Which was referred to the Market Committee

He also presented the following

The Petition of James Langley having been referred to the Comptroller on the 1[st] Ins[t] he respectfully reports

That the Petitioner leased of the Corporation in the Year 1808 a Lot of ground on Chatham Street for 21 years at an annual rent of one hundred fifty Dollars. Owing to the fire which happened in *in* May 1811 he was deprived of his building, and lost the goods in his Store and all his furniture. This appears to be a peculiarly distressing case, and the only one of the kind that will probably require the attention of the Board, it is therefore respectfully recommended that M[r] Langley have a remission of half a years rent agreably to the [210] prayer of his Petition

(Sig[d]) G N Bleecker Comp[r]

Which was agreed to

The Comptroller stated, that in the deed ordered to be executed to Moses Field for Collect Lot fronting on Leonard St adjoining Collect Lot N[o] 89 a mistake had been made in the dimensions of said Lot, the same having been stated to be twenty feet, whereas it was Twenty two feet & recommending an alteration in the same. Whereupon it was ordered that the said deed be amended agreably to the said true dimensions, and duly executed anew

The Counsel on the Petition of John R Livingston Reported That the memorialist covenanted with the Corporation to make a firm wharf or Street on the Easterly side of his premises, and that the Corporation covenanted *covenanted* to make the other half of the Street, and that it is erroneously stated in said memorial that the Corporation agreed to pay one half of the expense of making the Wharf or Street called Goerck Street. That in consequence of the Lot of the Memorialist not being filled up, it became necessary to throw in a large quantity of earth in order to make the Street or wharf [211] adjoining firm, in pursuance of his covenant

That it was owing to this circumstance solely that the additional expense accrued of which he complains

The Counsel is therefore of opinion that the memorialist is not

entitled to any relief. He therefore recommends it to the Board that leave be granted to withdraw his memorial

(Sig^{d}) Ogden Edwards

Which was agreed to

The Comptroller & Counsel of the Board on the Memorial of Theodorus Bailey & Elbert Anderson Reported

That provided the matters in controversy between the Corporation and the memorialists are submitted to arbitration, they have offered to pay the arbitrator for his services and also the expense of drawing the articles of submission

As a reference therefore would not be attended with any expense beyond what would attend a trial at law and as a prompt decision may thereby be obtained the Comptroller & Counsel are of opinion that it is expedient that the aforesaid matters should be so referred, with power to the arbitrator to grant such relief to either of the parties as could be obtained either in a court of law or Equity, provided [212] the award is made and rendered prior to the 1st day of October next, It has been agreed between the Memorialists & the Comptroller & Counsel provided it meets with the approbation of the Board that John Wells should be appoin[ted] the arbitrator

(Sig^{d}) Ogden Edwards
G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented the following ordinances, which were passed viz, an ordinance for paving Elm Street from Hester to Grand St & for a Well and Pump in North Moore St, between Varick & Hudson St, in the former of which Morris DeCamp Aquila Giles & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed assessors, and in the latter Morris DeCamp, Aquila Giles & Jacob C Mott were appointed assessors

Also an ordinance for regulating & paving Pump St from Orange to Collect St, in which Morris DeCamp Aquila Giles & Jacob C Mott were appointed assessors

The Alderman & Assistant of the 6th Ward to whom was referred the Petition of owners of certain Collect lots, (which was laid before the Board on the 8th Inst,) presented a Report which was referred to the same Committee together with the Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants of the 6th Ward (presented [213] at the last meeting) and the Street Commissioner

Com^{ee} on 6th W^{d} were Alder^{n} Coles AlBurtis M^{r} Thorpe

The Committee on the Petition for widening Bridge St presented a Report, which was read & laid upon the Table

Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of the Committee on Arts & Sciences for $1000 for experiments of gas lights

Resolved that the Street Commissioner advertise for estimates for sinking one or more Piers, ordered by this Board to be sunk or built at Washington Market North River

Resolved that the former ordinance respecting Swine be revised for the purpose of more effectually preventing injures to the pavements & Streets

The Resolutions presented at the last meeting by Alder[n] Smith, were called up and being read were as follows

Resolved, that the Collectors of Taxes who have settled with the Treasurer be and they are hereby directed & required to deliver to the Treasurer, their Books of assessment, in order that the arears of Taxes may be handed over to such [214] person or persons, as shall hereafter be appointed by the Board, to collect the same; and that so much as may hereafter be collected, be placed to the credit of the respective Wards in the next assessment.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Collectors of Taxes, in every succeeding Year to deliver up their Books of assessment to the Treasurer, on the day on which they settle their balance of Taxes with him—that similar arrangements may be made for the collection of all arrears

And Resolved, that the Comptroller call upon the several Collectors, and direct them to pay over to the Chamberlain or Treasurer such sums as remain in their hands, of Taxes by them collected, and the Treasurer is directed to receive the same

Which were agreed to.

[215] In Common Council August 6[th] 1816

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter A Jay	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter Conrey		John Brown	
Thomas R Smith		William Stone	
William Al Burtis		Robert McQueen	
George Buckmaster		Samuel Akerly	
Arthur Burtis		George B Thorpe	
Nicholas Fish		John H Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

This being the period for visiting the Alms House and Penitentiary

Establishment at Bellevue the Board proceeded to perform that duty

A Letter from Major Gen[l] Scott requesting the use of Rooms in the City Hall for the holding of a General Court Martial for the trial of a Gen[l] officer of the army of the U S (Gen[l] Gaines) was read and referred, with authority to grant the request of the applicant to the Recorder M[r] Jay & Alder[n] Munson

[216] The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisance on the premises of the persons following

Henry Rutgers	owr	100 Henry St
Adam Stanley	occp[t]	
J R Livingston	owr	28 Anthony "
David Pulis	occp[t]	
Tho[s] Smith	owr & occp[t]	25 Harison "
Felix Cunningham	owr	109 Bancker "
W[m] Kinch	occp[t]	
W[m] L Simers	owr	38 Harman "
David Morris	occp[t]	
J J Astor	owr	219 B[d] Way
Elijah Secor	Lessee & occp[t]	
Dan[l] Kelly	D° D°	111 Bancker "
Isaac Williams	owr	Lot N° 3 Lombardy "
Jn° Hertell	owr	Do 5 D°
Henry Rutgers	owr	D° 7 D°
Hector Scott	owr	D° Orange St
Jn° Garner	owr	D° D° & Prince
James & Pittman	owrs	D° 7 Bancker
Sam[l] Tooker agent to estate of Isaac Clawson deceas[d]		82 B[d] Way
J & W Benton	occp[ts]	
Abijah Arden	owr	3 White St
Edward Fisk	occp[t]	
Sam[l] Harned	owr & D°	114 Warren St

(Sig[d]) Geo Cumming C[y] Insp[r]

Which were passed

The Comptroller presented a communication on the subject of the Resolutions [217] passed at the last meeting respecting the Collectors of Taxes, which was read & laid for consideration

The Committee on the Petition of John, Robert & Sam[l] Swartwout presented a report which was read & laid for consideration

A Memorial was presented from John Vanderlyn praying the Cor-

poration to grant him a lease of sixty feet Square of the grounds of the old Alms House fronting on Broad Way for a term of years for the purpose of erecting thereon a Panorama, which was read & referred to the Committee on arts & Sciences

A Letter was also presented from Dr David Hosack recommending the appropriation of the grounds belonging to the old Alms House for a Botanic Garden and offering to Superintend the same, which was read &

Resolved that it be referred to the said Committee to report a Plan for the disposition of the grounds adjoining the old Alms House

A Report was received from the Superintendant of repairs, stating that several of the Public Wharves required repairs [218] which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Wharves, with authority to direct the necessary repairs to be made

Alderm Smith presented the following Resolutions, which were agreed to

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to interpose objections to the Report of the Commissioners for estimating the value of the property between Beekman Slip & Crane Wharf upon which it is intended to erect a market, and also to object to the confirmation of the same

And also that the Counsel apply to the Supreme Court for an order to vacate the order heretofore made for the appointment of said Commissioners—also

Resolved that the Commissioners in the case of the assessment for ground to be taken for the erection of a market at Beekman Slip be requested to withhold their report to the Supreme Court on that subject

Mr Akerly presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to

Resolved that the Committee of assessments together with the Street Commissioner, be authorised to prepare and advertise a list of all delinquents on assessments in order that measures may be taken to collect such delinquencies as the law directs

[219] The following Resolution was presented and agreed to

Resolved that the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips and the Counsel of the Board be and hereby are instructed to enquire into the propriety of certain Wharves in the neighbourhood of the steam Boat Ferries in this City and at Brooklyn being encumbered with large quantities of wood & other fuel and that they take the necessary measures to cause the same to be removed as early as possible

The Comptroller presented a report on the subject of subscriptions for signal poles, which was read and laid upon the Table

The Comptroller on the petition of Joshua Sands, reported

In consequence of a contested claim by the proprietors of land bordering on the River at Brooklyn and which has lately been settled in favor of the Corporation, The Petitioner is in arrear for six years Water Lot rent, amounting to $433.32. The improvement made on the ground reserved in the grant appears to have been intended for the purpose of making a Road or Street through the property of the petitioner & solely for [220] his benefit, and without the authority of the Corporation. It seems proper to forbear at present entering into any engagement on the behalf of the Board, either for the valuation or release of the ground reserved in the grant, or an abatement of the rent, as the precedent might be attended with much embarrassment in similar cases

At any rate it appears necessary to have the rent due as above mentioned paid into the Treasury previous to entering into any further negociation

Sig^{d} G N Bleecker, Comp^{r}

Which was agreed to

The Comptroller presented releases of Quit rent to John Patrick for Lot N^{o} 174 Common Lands, and to Archibald M^{c}Cullum for Lot N^{o} 164 Common Lands the same having been commuted for by the said Parties—Which Releases were directed to be duly executed

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments, which were confirmed & Morris DeCamp appointed collector in each Viz^{t}

For a Well & Pump in Grand St near Norfolk St—For one in Pitt St near Stanton St For one in Charlton near Greenwich St For one in Norfolk near Delancy St For paving Chatham St & Chatham Park [221] and for Paving Hester St to grand St

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the surplus assessment for opening the 2^{d} avenue Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same

An Application was made in behalf of Thomas L Rich & W^{m} Palmer for permission to erect vaults in front of Lots N^{o} 7 & 8 Wall St, and of Robert Dicky for like permission in front of 73 Greenwich St, which were referred to the Street Commissioner on the usual terms

The Comptroller Reported the following accounts by him audited Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the same

Van Wart & Gardner City Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	621.25
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brown Do	339.50
Chairn Sub Comee Arts &c for gas light 26 July payd	1000.
W Fish Treasr 3 Qr Int City Stock to 1 Inst	31500.
J Morton balc City Inspr & Receivr Clerk to 5 Inst	336.80
R Graves Asst St Comssr 1 Qr to 1 Inst	312.50
G Sickles Keepr City Prison & 2 assists to 1 Inst	245.85
Wm J Waldron Asst City Inspr 1 Mo to 21 July	60.
[222] Obadiah Ayres Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 21 July	60.
Jn Weeden Depy St Comr 1 Mo 1 Inst	54.
Saml Hutchings Do Do Do	54.
Jno Smith Do Do Do	54.
J Astin Messenger to Board Do 24 July	30.
J Cochran Do Do Do	30.
S McCormick Keepr Park Do 1 Do	46.50
R Marsh work at Battery Do Do	29.25
B Skaats expenses for Board &c	274.64
T P Low printing fr 29 May to 1 Augst	109.13
S Richard Gold Box Comr Bainbridge	155.
P Conrey attens Court Sessions July 12 days	48.
T Brown Music 4th July 1816	25.
R Stevens postr Bills St Comssr &c	14.50
G Sneethen Supt Lamps 1 Mo 1 Augt	566.58
F Peyre for 7 barrels oil	268.75
Conrad Jordan putting up & removing Lamps Pots to 31 July	32.37
Thos Dick glazing Lamps to May 11th	22.43
S J Isaacs Copper for Wharf Beekman Slip	715.97
L Pursiany for mud machine 1 June to 14 July	323.
H Allen repairs Bridges at Public Slips	224.75
N & H Weed 1 Qr Rent Pier Courtlandt St due 1s Inst assigned by C Smith	75.
R F Muller 6 mo Int Bond to 3d July	280.49
J McKay painting in Hall or St Comssr	146.71
Wm Weyman blacksmith wor[k] for late Supt Reprs	6.75
Z Allen repairs to Pumps 10th Wd	17.62
C Oneil repairing Wells 1 & 5th Wards	20.
C Oneil 1 Instlmt Well in Varick St	73.41
J Combs repairs to Pumps 7th Wd	42.37
H Brush Do Do	51.
[223] Jac Richardson reprs Wells 7th 8th 10th Wds	74.93
Dr P Wilson Trusee Este J S Anderson for 8th avenue	521.
Billop Seaman & others for 8th avenue	300.
C Bird balc award fo[r] 2d Do	35.

S Mills award for Fair St	39.
E Ginnings acct 3d avenue working	500.
A W Hardenbrook Acct work Engines	1000.
L Bleecker Treasr Free School balc	1000.
C Mooney Acct pavg Catharine Market	500.
Am Stagg Acct regulatg Gouverneur St	400.
Thos Scott acct paving Pearl St	400.
J Bailey Do Do Chatham Park	300.
Gabriel Hatfield balc regulatg Grand St	109.94
C Mooney acct pavg Elm St	100.
C Mooney Do Franklin St	250.
J Meghan repairg Intersectns Streets	83. 2
R Moran repaving Do Do	93.93
T Scott acct paving Fair St	400.
S Baxter filling Collect Lots	163.20
Jas Vincent Do Do	200.
M Reid 1st Instlmt Well & Pump Grand St	94.87
Do Do Do Norfolk	81.
Do Do Do Charlton	59.20
Do Balce Do Bayard	154.92
J P Roome Supdt Reprs to pay for Engine Houses	1500.
R Furman Supdt Alms House	10000.
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[224] In Common Council Aug 12 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt
Richard Riker Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter A Jay	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		John Brown	
Augustine H Lawrence		William Stone	
Peter Conrey		Robert McQueen	
Thos R Smith		Samuel Akerly	
William AlBurtis		George B Thorpe	
George Buckmaster		Thomas Cooper	
Arthur Burtis			
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Memorial from the Literary & Philosophical Society of New York and a joint memorial of the Academy of arts & Historical Society recommending that the grounds adjacent to the Old Alms House and in the rear of the City Hall be appropriated to the purposes of a Botanical garden agreably to a proposition made by Dr David Hosack at the last meeting of the Board were read & referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences

[225] A Letter was received from the Rev[d] John Stanford, enclosing agreably to the request of the Common Council the Sermon preached by him at the opening of the Chapel at Bellevue. Ordered that 500 copies be printed at the expense of this Board under the direction of M[r] Stanford

A Memorial of the Female Society for the relief of the industrious poor requesting the further aid of the Common Council to enable them to continue their benevolent intentions was read & the further consideration postponed

A Petition of sundry owners of Lots in Anthony Street praying that a part of the side Walk in front of the œconomical School may be repaved, was read & referred to the Street Comss[r] & City Inspector

A Petition of Gershom Mills stating that while on duty as a Watchman he received an injury that incapacitates him from earning his maintenance & praying relief, was read & referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of Jacob Pessenger (a Butcher) for permission to sell meat in Grand St between first St & the Bowery, a Petition of Eleazer Tilden for Stall N° 19 Fly Market

[226] A Petition of William Neilson to sell meat at the corner of Division & Essex St, of Andrew Van Deusen to sell meat together with Robert Kennah at his shop in the 10[th] Ward—of Thomas Skillman for Stall in Catharine Market of Nathaniel Moore to sell meat in the lower Fly market, and a complaint of sundry Butchers of persons selling meat out of the regular markets, were severally read & referred to the market Committee

A Petiton of Darby Hagerty for remission of Fine incurred by his wife's inadvertently selling liquor on Sunday, was read & the fine remitted on payment of costs of suit

A Petition of Samuel Paxton was read stating, that he is owner of a House near the Fly market lately injured by fire that wishing to repair the same he took the opinion of the Fire Wardens on the subject who gave it as their opinion that it might be repaired without infringing the law, he therefore proceeded in the repairs, and has since received a note from the Attorney of the Corporation informing that he had incurred a penalty, and praying directions to the Attorney not to proceed—Whereupon Resolved that the Attorney be directed not to use the name of [227] this Corporation in said prosecution

A Petition of sundry auctioneers was received stating, that the present limits assigned for the sales of goods at auction are not suffi-

ciently extensive and praying other limits may be assigned, was refer[d] to Alder[n] Buckmaster Alder[n] Lawrence Alder[n] Coles

A Petition of Edward Yates a Hackney Coachman praying that a fine incurred (by negligence of his driver) may be remitted, was read & leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Memorial of Boggs Thompson & Co praying remission of fine incurred by selling goods at auction in a place not assigned by law for that purpose, was read & referred to the Committee on the Petition of auctioneers, and in the mean time all proceedings were directed to be staid (vide above Com[ee])

A Petition of Isachar Cozens for appointment of inspector of manure, of Samuel D Ingraham as Weigher of Hay, of John Varick as keeper of City Penitentiary of John W Campbell for some employment of Martin Parsells as sweeper of Washington [228] Market, and of Joseph Dow as Inspector of Firewood, were severally read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Peter Weeks Joshua Weeks & John Place for remission of penalty incurred by taking dirt from the Streets, was read and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petition

A Petition for a Pump corner of *of* Elm & Leonard, and one from the Inhabitants of the 8[th] Ward for a Pump between Art S[t] & Vauxhall Garden, were read & referred to the Alderman & Assistants of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report ordinances therefor

A Petition of C Ray & others praying that the whole of the 8[th] Avenue may be opened & worked, was read & referred to the Road Committee & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Robert M[c]Convall was received stating, that he is a soldier in the service of the U S, at present stationed at this post—That his Wife was lately accidentally drowned and has left him two Infant children That he [is] wholly unable to maintain them from his pay and praying said children may be maintained by the public—Ordered that the same be referred to the Commissioners [229] of the Alms House

A Petition of Jacob Halsey praying remission of fine incurred under Ordinances for filling in certain Lots, was read and referred to the Attorney & City Inspector with authority to remit

A Petition of David Crone praying to be permitted to sell furniture at auction in Wall St, was read & leave given to petitioner to withdraw his petition

An account of the Superintendent of the Alms House to the 31 July last, examined & audited by the Commissioners of the Alms House, was read & ordered to be filed

A Petition of Hook and Ladder Company N° 1, and of Fire Engine Company N° 18 for an increase of men were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department & Chief Engineer

A further petition of certain owners of Lots residing in the vicinity of the Old Slip, praying the same may be filled up, was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject

viz Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

[230] A Complaint of John Varick against intrusions upon his property and riotous proceedings on the nights of public exhibitions at the vauxhall Gardens, kept by M^r^ Delacroix and praying some relief—was read and laid on the Table

A Memorial of the justices of the justices Court requesting the Common Council to appoint a Marshall to attend their Court to keep order therein, was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition was received from Euphemia Peter Stating, that on 10^th^ May 1815 a marriage being contemplated between her and George Peter a deed of settlement of three parts was executed by the petitioner, said G Peter, and David Deas as Trustee—by which all her estate real & personal was made over in trust to said D Deas for Petitioner and her daughter Jane Reed—that afterwards differences having arrisen, between her & said G Peters, articles of separation were on 7^th^ August of same year duly executed between them and they have since lived separate and apart, and she has had the sole conduct and management of her estate—That David Deas being indebted to Petitioner and her Daughter in the sum of Six thousand Dollars, did for payment of the same, on the 23^d^ January 1808 convey in fee simple to James Deas in trust [231] for her the Petitioner & her Daughter, two Lots & Houses in the City of New York, one of which is situated in Fair Street—In said Deed the wife of David Deas did not join—That three or four years ago said Deas, went on a voyage to Sea and has not since been heard of—That in opening and extending Fair Street, a part of one of said Houses situated in Fair St, was taken and the Commissioners of assessments awarded to James Deas, in behalf of the Petitioner and her daughter as Damages the sum of Two thousand seventy nine Dollars, That on the 18^th^ December last a Warrant issued for payment of the same and is in the hands of your Comptroller That James Deas is deceased, and petitioner is his Executrix—that the wife of David Deas supposing him to be dead claims as his Widow one third of the Sum so awarded, and under direction of the former Council the Warrant for payment of said assessment, is with[h]eld from her by the Comptroller, and she prays relief

Ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel to report thereon

A Memorial of Josiah Shippey Junr was received, stating that on his accepting the appointment of Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House he understood that Rooms, were to be assigned to him [232] in the old Alms House for himself and family which are now refused to be granted to him

Ordered that the same be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition of James Parker to be permitted to sell in the Washington Market sewing silk of American manufacture together with some other articles to assist the sale, was read & Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Memorial of sundry Butchers of Fly Market recommending the removal of said Market agreably to a Resolution of the Board was read & laid on the Table

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing near Vauxhall Gardens praying the establishment of a Watch in that vicinity was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Susannah Cannon praying for a renewal of the Lease of the Ferry at the foot of Grand Street, to Morrells Point, on Long Island, was read & referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Wm Hunter & others was received stating, that the erection of the Market at the foot of Grand Street near Corlears Hook cost the sum of $671.45—That they [233] collected by subscription the sum of $415 and they pray that the balance amounting to $256.45 may be paid out of the public Treasury—Ordered that the same be referred to the market Committee

A Representation was received from the Captains of the City Watch stating that a great portion of the time of the Watchman was occupied each morning in delivering over to the police office, offenders who are taken up during the night for which no compensation is allowed them, and praying some relief

Ordered to be referred to the police Committee

A Petition of Samuel & John Willis (minors) for license as Cartmen was read, and Resolved that the application in behalf of Samuel Willis, be referred to the Mayor with authority to grant him a license

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Wm L Simers	owr	177	Duane St
Adam Marshall	occpt		
Jno Struck	owr & occpt	171	Do

Jn° Gardner	owr	47 Beaver St
Charlotte Butler	occpt	
Rich[d] Cunningham	owr	21 Grand St
Philip K Lawrence	occpt	
[234] James Chesterman	owr	C[r] Sullivan & Broome St

Which were passed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Co[m] N° 1

Alexander Wiley Jun[r] 98 Greenwich St 1 W[d] Vice William Sterling resig[d]

Hook & Ladder N° 2.

John R Lecount Grocer C[r] Harman & Cath[n] S[t] 7 W[d]
Samuel Weeks Grocer 41 Bancker 4[th]

Fire Eng[n] Comp[y] N° 5

Rowland H Gardner, Hatter 38 Chatham St 6[th] W[d] Vice John Mathews remov[d] to Phi[a]

N° 6

Geo Martin, Grocer	C[r] Greenwich & Warren St 5	W[d]	addition[l] men
Tho[s] Palmer	D° Anthony St	D°	
Charles Hatfield	Carpenter Greenwich St	D°	

N° 18

Robert M Boggs accountant 64 Broad St 1 W[d] Vice Townsend Cox res[gd]

N° 21

Talmon Bedient, Cooper, C[r] John & Gold St 2[d] W[d] Vice John A Clark res[gd]

N° 23

Dan[l] M[c]Claren, Grocer, 540 Pearl St 6[th] W[d] Vice Tho[s] Cahoone expelled

N° 28

John H Smith Mercht 8 Division St 10[th] W[d] Vice George Edwards resig[d] left City

Jesse Night laborer C[r] Hester & Mulberry 6[th] W[d] Vice William Benedict resg left City

[235] Fire Eng[n] Comp[y] N° 29

John Vanhouten Carpenter Charles & Greenw[i]ch St 8[th] W[d] Vice Joseph Simmons res[gd]

N° 38

John Ellis J^r Carver, C^r Love lane 9^th W^d Vice James Vanzandt resig^d

James Hunter Milkman Bowery 9^th W^d Vice David Morgan resig^d

A Petition of Peter Valeau to be appointed one of the Watch at the City Penitentiary was read & referred to the Watch Com^ee

A Petition of D^r Phelix Pascalis to be appointed Physician of the Alms House Bridewell & Goal, was read & laid on the table

A Petition that Hague Street may be opened 15 feet on Pearl St and to extend to the House owned by the Widow Blank which was presented on 12^th July last & referred to the Committee on Streets, was now referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4^th Ward & Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented the following ordinances which were passed viz for a Well & Pump in Orange St between Hester & Grand Street, in which Jacob C Mott James H Guion & John Brower were appointed assessors. For repaving Peck Slip from Pearl to Water St, in which Abraham [236] Bloodgood, John Brower & James H Guion were appointed assessors. And for repaving Bancker St from Roosevelt to near James St in which Ab^m Bloodgood, Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Franklin Street from Collect St to the line of Dominick Lynch's ground—And an assessment for a Well & pump in Varick St between Desbrosses & Watts St, which were confirmed, & Morris DeCamp appointed Collector in each

The Street Commissioner presented the follow^g

The Street Commissioner has the honor to inform the Common Council that agreably to their directions he has received proposals for building a Pier and Bulk head in front of Dye Street Basin—the expense of which will be about viz^t

For the Pier	$17800
If it is thought advisable to stop the entrance into the Basin at present the Bulkhead will cost	8530
	$26330

But as the Heirs of Robert Fulton have extended their Pier in such a manner as to interfere with the Plan for the new Piers intended to be built in front of Dye Street Basin, it will be necessary that the scite for the proposed Pier be removed about [237] eighty feet farther north.

In which case the whole expense will be born by the Corporation, as they will have the use of both sides of the Pier

(Sig[d]) Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

Which was approved and he was directed to carry the same into effect

The Street Commissioner presented agreably to order of the 10[th] June last a Map of Collect St which was directed to be laid on the Table

T[he] Report of the Committee on the Petition for widening Bridge St was called up A Petition in favor of widening said Street and a Remonstrance against the measure, signed by Archibald Gracie John Lang & Stephen Whiting (former Signers to a memorial in favor) and a remonstrance of James R Smith and a number of others against carrying the proposed measure into effect, were read and referred back to the former Committee—with a request to state what portion of the Expenses attending the same the persons who have petitioned therefor would be willing to bear The former Com[ee] was The Committee on Streets

The Committee on assessments on the Petition of sundry Inhabitants in Frankfort [238] Street respect a Drain in said Street Reported

That they have had the same under consideration and believe that no relief can be granted in the premises, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition and the collector of assessments be authorized to proceed in collecting the assessment on said Drain

(Sig[d]) Sam[l] Akerly
Peter Augustus Jay
William Stone

Which was approved

The Counsel presented a Deed to Robert Macomb for a Grant of Water Lot at Bussings Point in Haerlem River, which was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel agreably to order presented an amendment to the Law respecting "Swine" which was referred back to him with directions to report a new ordinance embracing all the necessary regulations relating to that subject

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following

The Committee on the Fire Department has had the fullest assurance from a number of Insurance Companies, that they will pay Four

hundred Dollars for the purpose of building a Cistern in front of the Engine [239] Houses in Fair Street on the ground of this Corporation. Therefore beg leave to recommend in case they can obtain Four hundred Dollars from said Companys they be authorized to build a brick or Stone Cistern in front of said Engine House

(Sig^{d}) Arthur Burtis
Robert M^{c}Queen

Which was approved

The Committee on the subject of Telegraphic communication Reported That it was understood the object of this establishment was to accomodate the Ship Owners and other Merchants of our City, who proposed to provide for the expense thereof and wished the Corporation, being a public body and the general representative of the City to direct the execution & agency of the undertaking

From the best information the Committee have been able to collect, the proposed communication would require three Telegraphs one at Sandy Hook, one upon the High lands at Staten Island, and one at the Battery that the buildings & machinery which must be necessarily erected would not cost less than two thousand Dollars, & that two men for each Telegraph must be employed at an expense of about Two [240] thousand Dollars per annum—a Committee appointed by the merchants upon this subject expressed much zeal for the accomplishment of it, and have put into the hands of your Committee, an agreement subscribed by about one hundred and fifty of their constituents proposing that each Vessel arriving at this Port, by way of Sandy Hook from a foreign Country, should pay one Dollar and every Coasting Vessel arriving through the same Channel should pay half a Dollar That the money be collected at the Custom House and placed at the disposition of the Common Council—Upon enquiry at the custom House it appears, that from April to March 1815. 1816 both months included which may be taken for an average year, there arrived twelve hundred and fifty six Vessels from Foreign Ports

which would produce at $1. each	$1256
& 2792 Coasters at ½ a Dollar each	1486
	$2742
Deduct 10 p^{r} Ct for collection	274
Net Total	$2468

Altho' the Merchants subscribing the agreement engage to pay for each of their Vessels, they compose but a part of the owners of Vessels

which arrive, and no legal means are provided for enforcing collections from others, & as the proposed chain of communication would be of very little or no use to any, but such as were provided with telegraphs [241] on board, with a knowledge how to work them; there is too much reason to apprehend, that many would not pay the sums proposed, and the Common Council would be left without the means of remuneration, for the expense they must necessarily incur, especially as the whole of the proposed means are scarcely adequate, making no allowance for contingencies

Therefore your Committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient for the Corporation to take any further measures in this business

Christopher Colles one of our ingenious and worthy fellow Citizens has exhibited the model of a Telegraph said to be designed by him, which appears very fit to be used in the proposed communication, and as he has likewise been employed by your Committee they recommend that One hundred and fifty Dollars be paid to him for his services

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} B Coles
Tho^{s} R Smith

Which was approved and a Warrant directed to issue to Christopher Colles for $150 agreably to said report

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of John R Murray on the subject of laying up a stock of fuel Reported—That they have given to the [242] subject that deliberate attention which its nature required, both from the great importance of a supply of fuel to the class of our fellow citizens alluded to, as well as from the great respectability and number of those who have invited the attention of the Corporation to this object

In all associations of man into governments, many benefits and comforts of life are derived, from a proportion of the population assembling together in Cities, where the means of acquiring subsistence and gratifying the other propensities of its Inhabitants, are almost endless in variety and from the nature of things, more or less precarious—nothing but industry frugality, good character, and prudent forethought, can insure to the poor and those in small circumstances, the advantages of a City life, and guard them from sometimes becoming objects of public munificence, and in the opinion of your Committee, the Corporation of this City ought to be very guarded against adding to their multifarious concerns, by relieving their constituents from a practice of the virtues here alluded to, which imposes no greater hardship upon them than taking a reasonable care of themselves—If the Corporation were to provide in Summer large Quantities of fuel, to be

sold out in Winter, no higher than at saving price, there [243] can be little doubt, that many would rely on the public Stock, who, now from their plentiful earnings of summer, appropriate a part thereof, to lay up this necessary article, and thereby guard against the uncertainty of procuring it in winter, when the price is not only high, but those earnings less—Your Committee are aware there are no general rules without exceptions, and that highly meritorious Citizens may sometimes be thrown upon the public bounty, the relief afforded to such has heretofore been honorable to individuals and associations, as well as to the Corporation and there is no reason to apprehend it will be discontinued

The Committee cannot forbear alluding to the extensive & liberal Alms House Establishment provided from the public purse, and in their opinion a proper attention of the Common Council to that Department, is nearly all the provision for the poor, which a prudent policy and the public good, requires from the Treasury of this City, Your Committee therefore are of opinion, it is inexpedient for the Corporation to provide fuel to be sold out in the Winter season, but to leave that article like all others to individuals, some of whom in every free community, make a living by laying up stocks in time [244] of plenty, to supply others less provident at an advanced price, in times of scarcity

(Sig^{d}) Jn^{o} B Coles
Tho^{s} R Smith
Rich^{d} Furman

Which was approved

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Capt^{ns} Mayo—Burrill Jones—Nicolle—Middleton—Storer & Kelly incurred by not reporting passengers agreably to Law

Ordered that the Street Commissioner call upon M^{r} Joseph Delacroix to return the public property some time since loaned to him

M^{r} Akerly presented a Resolution for the removal of D^{r} Gilbert Smith from the Office of Physician &^{c} to the Alms House Which was read and the consideration postponed until the next meeting of the Board

The Comptroller presented the following accounts by him audited Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the same

Van Wart & Gardner	Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd	D^{o}	621.25
Norris & Anderson	D^{o}	670.25
Brower & Bleakley	D^{o}	339.50

[245] G N Bleecker Compr 1 Qr 15 aug	500.00
Amos Rooke Keepr Signal Poles 3 Mo 1 Aug	82.50
E Guion repairs Pumps 4 & 6 Wds	172. 6
I Baptiste Iron work for Do Do	62.98
Abm Barker Int on Bond 6 Mo 1 Inst	176.91
Peter Bonnet Int Do Do 3 July	97.54
Thos Scott acct paving Fair St	300.
Do Do Do Do Pearl St	100.
C Mooney Do Do Elm St	100.
Saml Kip Supds Work 3d avenue 53 days	106.
Jab Halsey acct Bulkhead West St	1000.

[246] Special Meeting In Common Council Aug 14th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter A Jay	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		John Brown	
Augustine H Lawrence		William Stone	
Peter Conrey		Robert McQueen	
Thomas R Smith		Anthony L Underhill	
George Buckmaster		George B Thorpe	
Arthur Burtis		John H Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Mayor informed the Common Council that the Board was called for the consideration of the Report of the Committee, on the Petition of John Samuel & Robert Swartwout, for the loan of $100000

The Report was called up and read and after some discussion, the further consideration thereof was postponed

A Petition for a Well at the intersection of Roosevelt St & Bancker St was read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor [247] of The Treasurer of the Board of Health for Five hundred Dollars

adjourned

In Common Council August 26, 1816

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor Pres[dt]
Richard Riker Recorder

Peter Conrey	Aldermen.	Anthony L Underhill	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Thomas Cooper	
Thomas R Smith		William Stone	
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

A Sufficient number not appearing at a quarter after the time, the Mayor adjourned the Board, until the next regular meeting; agreably to the Resolution passed at the Board July 15 1816

New York August 26[th] 1816 5 OClock p m

The Mayor having summoned a Meeting of the Common Council, this day the Board was formed as follows

[248] In Common Council August 26[th] 1816

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Jonas Mapes	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Augustine H Lawrence		Anth[y] L Underhill	
Peter Conrey		William Stone	
Thomas R Smith		Samuel Akerly	
William AlBurtis		George B Thorpe	
George Buckmaster		John H Tallman	
Arthur Burtis		Thomas Cooper	
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Charles Wood for remission of fine incurred by his Children swimming at the public Wharves on Sunday, was read & remitted on payment of costs

A Petition of David Hoy for remission of penalty incurred by selling liquor without license was read and resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Devie Bethune & Thomas Masters, owners of Ship Thomas which lately sailed from Newry with alien [249] passengers, of Daniel Middleton Master of the Brig Grace, whch sailed lately from Belfast in Ireland, with alien passengers, and of James Mason Master of the British Brig Skeen, which sailed from Leith in the kingdom of Great Britain with alien passengers, were presented stating that the said vessels had arrived in the Port of Amboy in the State of New

Jersey where they had entered and landed their passengers some of whom had come to the City of New York, and presuming that as their passengers had been landed in a neighbouring State they were not bound to report them, upon the arrival of their Vessels in this port, and therefore had made no report of them. Messrs Bethune & Masters & Capn Mason therefore request that upon their reporting & giving bonds, the penalty incurred may be remitted, and Capn Middleton requesting that he may be discharged from the suit commenced against him

Whereupon resolved that the same be referred to the Attorney

A Petition of Smith Bloomfield for remission of fine incurred by incumbring the Street with building materials, was read and remitted upon payment of costs

[250] Petitions were received from John Henderson Jane Wade & Samuel Brown—Boarding house Keepers for remission of fine incurred by not reporting lodgers, who were sick at their houses—The fines of the two former were remitted on payment of costs & the latter Petition was referred to the Attorney with authority to remit, if on examination of the case he judged it proper

A Petition was received from John C Seeman for remission of fine incurred by permitting gambling in his House (as alledged). From William Maloy for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor, without license, and from Thomas Harison & Richard Foord for remission of fine incurred, by selling meat out of the regular Market—Whereupon Resolved that the several petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions

A Memorial was received from the Cartmen frequenting the old Slip praying that the petition for filling in the same may be granted—which was referred to the Committee on Wharves

A Memorial from Adam Marshall one of the Sweep masters, recommending that as there are a number of offices for Chimney Sweepers now established, that the Chimney [251] Sweeps be forbidden from uttering their professional calls & cries in the Streets the same being not necessary, and very annoying to the Citizens in general and to the sick in particular
which was read & laid on the table

A Petition of Catharine Norris for a Hucksters Stand, was read & referred to the market Committee

A Petition of William Allen ,to be restored to the office of Inspector of Firewood or to be appointed to some office under the Cor-

poration, was read & referred to Alder[n] Buckmaster M[r] Lorillard Alder[n] Conrey

A Complaint from the Inhabitants of Courtlandt Street against the night scavengers, was referred to the City Inspector & Counsel

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against widening Hague Street, was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4[th] Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Robert Bowne & others, was received stating, that the Pier at Murray's Wharf on the East side of Coffee house Slip [252] was shorter than Pine St & Jones Wharf and praying permission to extend the same in a line with the others, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Scribner &Wurts to be permitted to assign the lease of lots N° 7 & N° 233 Front St to Gilbert Hudson and Judson Hawley was referred to the Comptroller & Counsel with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition of Helen Taylor widow of Jeremiah Taylor praying the Corporation to advance to her two years amount of her pension, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Peck Slip, was received stating that they understand that the Street Commissioner, in repaving Peck Slip intends raising as well the center of the Slip as also the side walks, and the body of the Street and remonstrating against that measure was read & referred to the Committee on Streets & Street Commissioner

A Petition of A Somerville to be appointed a City Guager was read & granted

A Petition of Burdett Striker praying further [253] time for payment of rent due *due* from him, was read and no order taken thereon

The following Communication was received from D S Jones Esq[r] late Counsel to the Board

The late Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Board that a judgment in ejectment for non payment of rent has been obtained against M[r] Burdet Striker for the several lots at Brooklyn leased to him by the Board; and as a writ of possession must be executed by the Sheriff of Kings County to revest the possession of these premises in the Corporation before they can dispose of the same, and some proper person must be appointed by the Board to receive the possession for them, the subscriber presents to the Board a letter of Attorney to the Comptroller for the purpose

The act directing proceedings in ejectment for the non payment of rent authorises the defendant to regain possession of the demised premises at any time during Six months after execution executed upon the payment of the arrears of rent and all the costs. The Common Council will therefore perceive that no definite arrangements can be made by them in relation to this property until the expiration of Six months after possession [254] shall be delivered to their attorney by the Sheriff, as there is a person, however, who is disposed to enter into a provisional agreement with the Corporation for the property in question the Subscriber respectfully submits to the Board the propriety of referring the subject to the Comptroller or some suitable Committee with authority to enter into such agreement if it may be deemed advisable

(Sig^{d}) D S Jones

Whereupon it was ordered that the letter of Attorney be duly executed and that the Comptroller take possession agreably thereto, and make report as to the best disposition of said property

The following report was also received from D S Jones Esq^{r}

The late Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Board that the Commissioners of estimate and assessment appointed by the Supreme Court in the following cases—viz 1 on the enlarging & improving of Mott Street—2^{d} on the opening and extending of Franklin St—3^{d} on the enlarging and improving of Thompson St—4th on the opening of 13th Street from the Bowery to the North River, and 5th on the enlarging and improving of Slote lane made report of their estimate & assessment in these cases to the said Supreme Court at the [255] late term of the said Court, and that the reports were severally confirmed on the 16th day of August Inst. In each of these cases the Commissioners have assessed a sum for benefits equivalent to the amounts awarded by them for damages and to the expenses of the proceedings, and have assessed no part of the expenses upon the Corporation, excepting only the sum of Two hundred & seventy Dollars in the case of Mott St

The lands & premises required for these several improvements are now vested in the corporation, and measures may be taken by the proper Officer to carry the improvements into effect as soon as may be judged expedient

As the Sums awarded by the Commissioners in these cases for damages will become payable by the Corporation in four months from the 16th Instant it is expedient that the Board forthwith appoint a Collector to collect the assessments and to facilitate the proceedings

the Subscriber has prepared an abstract of the several estimates & assessments and delivered the same to the Street Commissioner

(Sig[d]) D S Jones

Which was approved and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector upon the said assessments

[256] A Remonstrance from the Directors of the Corlears Hook Ferry Boat Company against the continuation of the lease of the Ferry from the foot of Grand Street was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Maria Whaites to be exempted from the payment of the costs due upon the sale of a lot belonging to her late Husbands (Archibald Whaites) Estate for payment of an assessment, was read & referred to the Committee of Charity

A request of Abraham Barker for payment of a Bond due from the Corporation to him for $5054.66—which was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Andre Le Brun to hire the basement floor of the old Alms House was read and leave given to petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Peter Stuyvesandt Jun[r] to be appointed a City weigher, and of Mark Colter to be appointed an Inspector of wood, were read and referred to the Committee on applications

An application of William Stone to be permitted to build a stone Cistern in Jay St of Isaac Wright to build a Vault in Beekman St [257] & of Thomas Hazard Jun[r] to build a vault in Beekman St, were severally referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant on the usual terms

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments, which were confirmed & Morris DeCamp appointed Collector in each—viz. Assessments for a Well & Pump in Cherry St near Walnut St—For repairing the Drain in James St—For paving Washington St from Jay to North Moore St for regulating and paving Water St from Burling to Beekman Slip, And for regulating and paving at Beekman Slip from Pearl to Water Street

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents upon the following Assessments, & Warrants were ordered to issue to the collectors for collecting the same—viz For opening and extending Hudson Street from Van Dam to Hamersly St—For opening North Moore St to the East River, And for regulating Grand St from Walnut St to the Slip

The Street Commissioner presented the following ordinances which were passed Viz. For a Well & Pump in the Bowery between Vauxhall & Art St—for one in [258] Leonard St near Elm St—and for one in Bancker between Pearl & James St—in the two former Abraham Bloodgood—Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles, were appointed assessors And in the latter Jacob C Mott—James H Guion, & John Brower, were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner represented that the beams of the floor of the Mayors office were in a decayed state—whereupon the Superintendant of Repairs, was directed to cause the same to be repaired—And it was ordered that during such reparation that the justices of the police be permitted to occupy for their office, the Room set apart for the grand jury

The Street Commissioner in consequence of frequent complaints made at his office by the Inhabitants, represented to the Board, that a number of Cartmen were in the habit of racing their Horses in Love lane and through the Bowery, to the great danger of the Citizens—Whereupon Resolved that the subject be referred to his Honor the Mayor

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

		over
[259] Danl Ensley	owr	Bd Way & Pearl St
J W Hewitt	occpt	
Danl Ensley	owr	559 Pearl St
Mary Hill	occpt	
Mary McCrea	owr & occpt	51 & 53 Bowery
Wm Moore	owr	Mercer & Prince St
Jonn Colfax	owr	558 Pearl St
Jno Ferdon	occpt	
Mrs Nichols	owr	545 Pearl St
Vashtie Triglish	occpt	
George Warner	owr	23 Bancker St
Robt Cannon	occpt	
Charles Dickenson	agent	51 Liberty St
Mr Quackenboss	owr	
E Benedict	occpt	
Jas Roosevelt	owr	11 Front St
Elizabeth Carrigan	occpt	
Anthy Bowroson	Vact Lot, Sullivan & Broome	

Which were passed

A Representation was made by Edward Bardin stating that on the 10th February 1804 a Grant of a Water Lot on the North River was made to him by the Corporation under the Corporate Seal and the signature of DeWitt Clinton then Mayor, which is duly recorded in the registry of Deeds in the Comptrollers Office, and the counterpart executed by Petitioner—That the then Clerk (Tunis Woortman) neglected to sign the same—and as the custody of the Corporate Seal is with the Clerk of [260] the Common Council, his testimony is necessary to prove the same—That the Petitioner being desirous of putting the same upon record requests the Common Council to direct it to be authenticated for that purpose

Whereupon Resolved that the present Clerk of the Common Council be authorized to make the requisite proof that the said grant had issued by order of the Common Council in order that the same may be recorded agreably to the prayer of the Petitioner

The Street Commissioner presented a plan of the assignment which he proposed making agreably to the referrence to him by the Board, to John Scudder of a part of the yard and grounds adjacent to the old Alms House which was directed to lay for consideration

The Committee on the request of Major Genl Scott, reported that they had assigned for the sittings of the Court martial the room of the District Court of the U S—which was approved

The Committee on the petition of John Vanderlyn Reported, That in their opinion it would not be proper or expedient to appropriate any of the public grounds about the City Hall to the purposes contemplated in said Petition

[261] (Sigd) Nicholas Fish
Samuel Akerly
Thos R Smith

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of C Ray & others Reported That having considered the subject are fully of opinion that the facts stated therein are true, and that it will be of great advantage to this City, & tend to promote the interest & convenience of the proprietors of property fronting on the 8th Avenue—if that Road was opened & worked Your Committee would therefore recommend that a road be formed through the Eighth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to the old Road at 121st Street and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to

take proper measures to carry the same into effect provided the same be not attended with an expense exceeding fourteen thousand Dollars

(Sig^{d}) Reuben Munson
Thomas Cooper
Willam Stone
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb St Comss^{r}

Which was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to advertize for estimates & report them to the Board for confirmation

The Committee on the petition for widening [262] Bridge St presented a further Report—Their former report presented on 12th August was in the words following

The Committee &^{c} Report That they have examined the situation of said Street and duly considered the contemplated alteration, & your committee are of opinion that it will form a handsome public improvement, with very little injury to *to* private property. They therefore believe the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted on condition that no part of the expense be paid by the Corporation

(Sig^{d}) G Buckmaster
Peter Conrey

The Report of this day was as follows

The Committee &^{c} Beg leave further to *to* report, That they have received & herewith annex a Bond of indemnity duly executed by certain Inhabitants of s^{d} Ward which fully secures this corporation from any part of the expense of said improvement And also that they find no cause for altering their former opinion expressed on this subject

(Sig^{d}) Peter Conrey
G. Buckmaster

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to take the legal measures for carrying the same into effect

The following resolution of the Trustees of the [263] *Trustees of the* Presbyterian Church in Rutgers St was presented

On Motion Resolved—That on application of Alderman Buckmaster. The Corporation of the City of New York be and they are hereby permitted, to build a Brick Fire Engine House on the rear of the Church ground in Henry St eight feet back from the present line of the Street agreably to Bridges & Poppletons Map dated 15 Nov^{r}

1813, and to remain on the ground until wanted for the use of the said Church, and that the Committee of repairs point out the ground

Extract from the Minutes

Febʸ 29th 1816 Sigᵈ J Beekman Clk

Whereupon Resolved that the same be accepted

The Committee on the Fire Department on the petition of sundry Fire Engine Companies for more men recommend—That all the Fire Engines Companies that have Engines of 6½ inch calibre shall have 26 men, and those that have more shall be reduced to the same, except those in the out parts of the City which shall be determined by the Chief Engineer

And beg leave further to recommend that the Committee be authorized to build an Engine house on the ground [264] of the Presbyterian Church in Rutgers Street for Engine Nº 26

(Sigᵈ) Arthur Burtis
A L Underhill

Which was approved

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Compʸ Nº 3.

Francis Burras, Cabⁿᵗ Maker, 3 Nassau St 1ˢᵗ Wᵈ Vice John Mildeberger removᵈ to Nº 16

Nº 5

Richard E Reynolds, book binder 26 Lumber St 1 Wᵈ Vice Samuel Thompson resᵍᵈ

Nº 17

Francis Baptis, boat builder, 89 Henry St 7 Wᵈ Vice John Higbie resᵍᵈ

John Johnson, Shipwright 58 oak St 4th Wᵈ vice John Baptis resᵍᵈ

Nº 21.

Albert Terheun, Baker, Mulberry St 6 Wᵈ
Wᵐ B Ferguson, Chair Maker Gold St 2 Wᵈ
George C Harriot Dº Dº & John Stᵗ 2ᵈ W
} Additional men

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to

Resolved that if any sweep Master or boy employed by him as a Sweep shall in future be guilty of crying aloud or singing in the public Streets for the purpose of attracting the notice of the public, such master [265] Sweep shall forfeit his license

The Comptroller having presented the report of the Counsel & Street Commissioner on the Petition of Bertram P Cruger for further instructions—it was referred to the Counsel, Comptroller & Street Commissioner to ascertain the amount due to petitioner, with power if it be necessary to refer the same to arbitration

On Motion of Mr Stone Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs be directed to purchase a Bell for Duane Market, and cause the same to be hung in the cupola of said Market without delay

On Motion of Mr Lorillard the report of the Committee on the Petition of Messrs Swartwouts was called up after some consideration the recorder moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next meeting of the Board—Upon taking the question thereon a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative. 12.

The Recorder, Aldern Coles, Mapes. Conrey Smith, Buckmaster, Burtis, Munson Messrs Stone—Akerly. Thorp Cooper

[266] Negative

Aldern Lawrence, AlBurtis Fish Messrs Lorillard. Tallman, Underhill

The Comptroller reported the following Accounts by him audited—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the same

Thos R Smith Esqr Treasr Bd of Health ord 14 Inst							500.
C Colles for Telegraph ord 14th Inst							150.
Van Wart & Gardner Watch							498.75
Walton & Hibberd	Do						637.
Norris & Anderson	Do						670.25
Bleakley & Brown	Do						339.50
G Cumming City Inspr		1 Qr	Salry	28th	Inst		312.50
J P Roome Supdt Reprs		Do	Do	14	"		225.
B Skaats Keepr Hall		Do	Do	24	"		100.
Abm Brevoort Insp bread		Do	Do	21	"		100.
Jos Varick	Do	Do	Do	17	"		94.
D. H Megie Keepr Potters field		1. Mo	Do	15	"		46.50
N Phillips Advertizing Assessmts & Subscripn							169.37
Editor Evening Post	Do		Do				82.50
R H Marrey 3 cornices Governors Room							168.50
J Dow Cars hire							9.
J Roberts	Do						3.
Jas Keith	Do						3.
Mooney & Mullaney	Do						3.

Jas Warner Specl Justice 1 Qr Salry 26 Inst	250.
Jas Hopson Do Do Do	250.
Josiah Hedden Do Do Do	250.
B O Blenis Clerk Police Do Do	250.
R Stephens asst Do Do Do	200.
[267] Jacb Hays, extra servs by Officers Police 1 Qr 26 Inst	413.28
J F Delaplaine & Co 4 Casks oil	309.
Fourneia Dupieu & Co 7 Lamps on improved plan	29.14
J Halsey repairing Steam Bt Wharf Beekman Slip	596.91
Luke Pursiany mud machine 3 Weeks to 3d Inst	150.96
Abm Dally Ship Chandy for Do 7 Mar to 29 July	134. 5
Peter Schermerhorn Int on bond 6 Mo 1 Inst	450.
J B Waldron oversr Roads 11 June to 1 Aug	501.36
O Waldron Do 1 Mo Do	276.58
Thos Franklin Chf Engr 1 Qr to 18 Inst & Wood	308.50
A W Hardenbrook Acct Work to Engines	1000.
Phillips Lewis, & Martin reprs Pumps 10th Wd	207.29
Jas Richardson reprs Wells 7 8 10th Wds	65.75
C Oneil Well & Pump Varrick St	73.42
C Felch 1s Instlmt Well & Pump Cherry St	91.
Mark Reid Well & Pump in Charlton St	59.20
Do Do 1s Instlmt State St	65.45
Do Do in Grand St	94.88
Do Do 1st Instlmt Third St	120.34
Do Do in Pitt St	138.40
E Ginnings Acct working 3d avenue	3000.
Do Do Do Do	500.
J Myers award for opens 8th avenue	105.
Jno Delancey Do Do Do	15.
T Poppleton survey East River for Street Commissioner	152.
Henry J Megarey 12 Port folios for Do	118.
Jas Vincent filling Lot corner Chamber & Chatham St	18.12
Higgins & Parks 104 Loads Sand at Catharine Market	13.
R Moran paving Intersections	13. 8
[268] Jas Meghan paving at Fly Market	15. 9
Archd Ball Acct paving Elm St	175.
Charles Mooney acct paving at Catharine Market	500.
Thos Scott acct paving Fair St	100.
Do Do Do Do Pearl St	200.
A Smyth Do Do Chapel St	600.
Do Do Do Washington St	500.
J Bailey Do Do Chatham St	800.
R Furman Supdt Alms House	10000.
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[269] In Common Council Sep^{r} 9th 1816

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen.	Anthony L Underhill	Assistants.
Jonas Mapes		John Brown	
Peter Conrey		Samuel Akerly	
Tho^{s} R Smith		George B Thorpe	
W^{m} Al Burtis		John H Tallman	
George Buckmaster		Thomas Cooper	
Arthur Burtis			
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully informs the board that agreably to the directors of the Finance Committee on the 5th Inst he has received assurances from the Mechanic's Bank that a loan can be effected for the following Sums

A Bond payable in 9 Months for.....	$50000
D^{o} 6 D^{o} "	40000
	90000

The rate of interest at 7 per ct per an^{m} and the date of the Bonds to be hereafter agreed upon Should the Board confirm the above loan [270] the accounts now presented will be paid at the Treasury, as they are predicated on that event

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Which was agreed to

An Invitation from the Columbian Society to attend an oration to be delivered before said Society on the 11th September in commemoration of the victories of Champlain & Plattsburgh, accompanied with Tickets of admission, was read and the invitation accepted

A Petition of the Trustees of the Congregation of Shærith Israel praying to be exempted from payment of assessment for opening 13 Street and for improving Mott St, the assessment being laid upon Lots occupied for the burrying grounds of said Society, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Representation from the Captains & Assistants of the City Watch of the 3^{d} District, that the Caps of the Watch were worn out and needed to be replaced, by new ones, was read & referred to the Watch Committee, with authority to act in the premises

A Petition of Cornelia Livingston Widow and Executrix of Philip Livingston deceased praying repayment of a Sum twice paid for assessments [271] as per account exhibited, which was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Representation from Jacob Hays High Constable stating the necessity of furnishing the peace officers with new staves of office and regulations respecting publishing the laws in relation to fires was read & referred to the Committee on the fire Department, with authority to act in the premises

A Petition that a Bridge may be built in Watt's Street over the drain in Canal Street was read & referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

A Memorial of Thomas Dunning Collector of the 9th Ward was read stating—That a Warrant had issued against him from the Treasurer to the Sherriff of the City for the State & County Tax in which was included (as petitioner supposes through mistake) the sums due as delinquencies & his fees of collection &c and praying the same to be enquired into and the sum overpaid by him to be returned to him.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee & Comptroller

A Memorial of Jacob Patchin offering certain rent for leases of Butchers stands in [272] lower Fly market, was read and referred to the Market Committee

A further Memorial of Josiah Shippey Jr on the subject of his appointment as Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Memorial of Leffert Lefferts stating that the proceedings of the Board in relation to erecting a new Market at Beekman Slip prevented him from disposing of his property at that place and offering the same for sale on certain terms to the Corporation—Ordered that the same lay on the table for further consideration

A Petition of William Pye requesting to be permitted to purchase a Lot corner of Chamber and Augustus Street, was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition in behalf of Mrs Francis Nicholson for permission to construct a Cistern in William & in Ann Sts was read & referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer if in his opinion proper

A Memorial of James Bennett recommending the establishment of Companies in [273] each ward, each man to be furnished with two

Buckets to attend at fires—was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Memorial of Mary Wright praying remission of fine incurred by not reporting a sick boarder, was read and granted on payment of costs

A further petition of Burdett Striker proposing a certain mode & time of payment of sum due from him to the Corporation, for rent, was read & referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Randolph & Edgar for remission of fine incurred under the auction law, was read & referred to a committee appointed on the Petition of sundry auctioneers Viz Alder[n] Coles Lawrence Buckmaster

An offer of John F Delaplaine & Co to sell to the Corporation Winter strained Oil at $1.75 per gallon, was read & refer[d] to the Lamp Committee

A Memorial of Henry White praying remission of fine incurred under the ordinance for filling in a Lot, was read and referred to the City Inspector to report thereon

[274] A Representation & complaint of John C Kraff against Samuel Gibson for a nuisance was referred to the City Inspector

A Remonstrance against the assessment for a Well & Pump in Norfolk St, was read and referred to the Council & St Commission[r]

A Memorial of certain Sweep masters remonstrating against the resolution forbidding the Sweeps from crying out in the Streets, was read and laid on the table

A Memorial from owners of ground adjoining the First Avenue lying between North St and 25[th] St praying that the said Road may be worked, and put in order was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Lewis Angevine & George Graham who are sureties for John ONeal deceas[d] late Collector of the 6[th] Ward, praying that a Collector may be appointed to collect the Taxes yet remaining due & uncollected by said Oneal in said ward, was read—& Resolved that it is inexpedient for the Corporation to comply with the request of petitioners, as to the appointment of a collector; And Resolved further that it be referred to the Counsel and Comptroller, to make such arrangements with, and give such facilities to the Petitioners, as may be

A Petition of John A Martin [&] of Adam Dobb for Stalls in Catharine Market—of Christian N Williams for Hucksters Stand in Lower Catharine Market and a Petition of William Mooney for permission to sell meat on Manhattan Island were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Hyde was received stating that he had received

a note from the attorney, informing him that he had incurred a penalty by selling meat in the market without a permit & without a License as a Butcher—That Petitioner was not aware of infringing any law having for a number of years past been in the practice of purchasing small cattle in the Country & selling them in the market sometimes alive & sometimes after he had slaughtered them, that in this practice he was sanctioned by the opinion of the Deputy Clerk of the Fly market, & praying the opinion of the Common Council—Whereupon Resolved that the subject be referred to the Market Committee, and, that in the mean time no further proceedings be had, by the attorney of the Board

A Petition for a Pump in Mott St between Broome & Spring St was read & referred to the [276] Alderman & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner, to report an ordinance therefor

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Jacob Cave owr } 29 Oliver St
Hazen Erwin occpt }
Richard Kirby owr } 94 Read St
Mead Brown occpt }
Samuel Gidney owr Leonard St
John R Livingston owr Columbia St
Ruggles Hubbard owr Do

Which were passed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 27

John Schoonmaker, Carpenter, Christopher St 8th Wd Vice Abraham Pasman resgd

No 41

John Danow, Nail cutter, Cr Rivingn & Arundle St 10th Wd Vice Peter Marks resgd

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments, which were confirmed & Weiat Munson appointed collector in each—Viz For a Well & Pump in North Moore St between Varick & Hudson St—for one in Third St between Pump & Hester St and for one in State Street

[277] He also presented an assessment for regulating & paving Elm St from Hester to Grand St, (which had been confirmed on the 6th

August last,) and recommended that the same be returned to the assessors to correct an error therein—Which was directed to be returned agreably to said recommendation

The City Inspector on the complaint against the night scavengers, reported, that to remedy the evil it would be proper to license persons whose duty it should be to perform those services with closed carts or tubs—who should be under the direction of the City Inspector

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to report an ordinance agreably thereto

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Beekman M Van Beuren Reported That they have examined the merits of the case so far as has come to their knowledge and are of opinion that an indulgence of one year be granted to Mr Van Beuren & Genl Jasper Ward who is his Surety, on the following conditions; to wit That good and sufficient real estate be pledged to the Board for the ultimate payment of the Debt. That Genl Ward against whom the Suit is also pending confess a judgment for the [278] amount with a stay of execution for one year

That the Comptroller be authorized to ascertain and adjust with Mr Van Beuren the amount which may be due from him to this Corporation

(Sigd) Thos R Smith
Reuben Munson
Wm AlBurtis

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of Helen Taylor reported That they have considered the application of Helen Taylor widow of the late Jeremiah Taylor, who prays that two years of the annual sum granted to her by this Board be paid to her on the first day of November next—after a due examination of the subject your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of Petitioner ought to be granted

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer for the Sum of One hundred twenty Dollars in favor of Helen Taylor payable on the First November next

(Sigd) Arthur Burtis
A L Underhill

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant accordingly

The Committee on Wharves &c on the Petition of Robert Bowne & others Reported That they have considered the subject, and are of

[279] opinion that the Pier may be extended 70 feet further which will bring it out on a line with Joshua Jones Pier and with the one at Pine St, which will tend to increase the accomodation, and improve the public property in the slip

One third of the expense will of course be borne by the Corporation

(Sig^{d}) Peter Conrey
G Buckmaster

Which was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect

The Committee on the Fire Department recommended that the Comptroller be authorized to lease out for the term of Seven years the rear of the lot in Fayette Street and the Cellar under the same, and that he also sell under the direction of the Street Commissioner the gore of ground in the rear of the Engine Houses in Fair Street

Which were approved of

They also recommended that a Well should be sunk in the yard in front of the Engine Houses in Fair [St], which was referred to the Street Commissioner

The following was presented by the Bellevue Committee

The Committee of Bellevue together with the Commissioners of the Alms House [280] are of opinion the public would derive much benefit from the labor of the male convicts in the Penitentiary by causing them to work on the public Roads or Avenues which are most contiguous to that establishment as there are from 40 to 50 men whose labor would amount to something considerable and would at least save the expense of their keeping

(Sig^{d}) Reuben Munson
Nicho^{s} Fish
Geo B Thorp
John Brown

A Petition was also presented from Peter Huder to be appointed an assistant keeper at the Penitentiary. Whereupon it was Resolved that the convicts in the Penitentiary be employed in labor upon the roads under the direction of the Bellevue Committee and the Commissioners of the Alms House, and that they be authorised to appoint one or more assistant Keepers to superintend the working parties of said convicts

The Finance Committee on the Petition of R De Grushe for himself & others Reported That as there does not appear any evidence of the

services of the petitioners either from the certificate of Inspectors or otherwise, recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be not granted

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Smith, Reuben Munson, W[m] AlBurtis

[281] Which was approved

The Committee of Finance on the Petition of Samuel L Mitchell & others Reported That they have had the same under consideration, and cannot see any sufficient reason for varying in this instance from the rates which have so long been adopted by this Board, and from which no deviation has heretofore been made

They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Smith
Reuben Munson
W[m] Alburtis

Which was approved

The Finance Committee on the petition of Benjamin Waldron, Reported That his application being accompanied by the certificate of the Inspectors of the Ward and by that of the First Marshall, it is reasonable that the prayer should be granted and therefore recommend that a Warrant for Six Dollars issue to said B Waldron as compensation for three days services rendered at said election

Your Committee take this opportunity of again expressing their disapprobation of the lavish waste of public money in the employment of so many officers at Elections and particularly on the day of canvass when there cannot possibly be any [282] necessity for them

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Smith
Reuben Munson
W[m] Alburtis

Which was approved and a Warrant ordered to be this day issued for payment of the same

The Report relating to widening State Street was called up, and after some consideration, was further postponed

The case of a Female lunatic slave the property of James Boorman who had been discharged from the N Y Hospital as incurable was presented with the request of the master that she might be accomodated in the receptacle for Idiots & lunatics belonging to the Alms House Establishment at Bellevue for which he would pay a suitable compensation. Whereupon Resolved that the Commissioners of the

Alms House be requested to receive the said Slave on the terms proposed by her master

Upon the Motion of Alderman Burtis it was referred to the following Committee to examine & consider a plan which has been prepared by the Street Commissioner for the regulation of the Streets in the vicinity of Greenwich & to report thereon to the Board

Committee Alder[n] Burtis Alder[n] Coles & Alder[n] Munson

[283] Upon an application of the managers of the medical Science Lottery to be accomodated with a room wherein to draw the Lottery, the subject was referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to assign to them some room in the Basement Story of the Hall not already occupied

Resolved that it be referred to the following Committee to consider whether any and what amendments are necessary to the Law regulating Weights & measures

Committee Alder[n] Burtis Smith Mapes & the Counsel & the Attorney

On Motion of Alder[n] Munson, Resolved that John Minuse Deputy Clerk of the Fly Market be removed from said office On like motion John Rayner was appointed in his place

On Motion of Alderman Smith

Resolved that the Streets at present bearing the names of Beekman Slip, Fair Street and Partition Street be henceforth called and Known by the name of Fulton Street, as a mark of the high respect entertained by this Board for the memory of the late Robert Fulton

Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs [284] be charged with making the necessary alterations in the sign Boards & numbers and that he begin the numbers at the corner of South Street

On Motion of Alder[n] Burtis it was referred to the Committee on the Petition of the auctioneers to consider and report if any & what alteration is necessary respecting the Horse Market in Elm Street Committee Alder[n] Coles Lawrence Buckmaster

On motion of Alder[n] Smith. Resolved that the establishment of the Signal Poles be discontinued at the expiration of the term of the present contract, with the Merchants, Proprietors of the same

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$47895.32
Warrants not presented	4644.39
	$43250.93

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	645.75
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brown Do	339.50
John M Devoy Watch Caps 2d Dist	165.
Wm S Smith Colr Revenue 1 Qr 22d Aug	200.
Wm J Waldron Asst City Inspr 21 July to 1 Sepr	82.
O Ayres Do Do	82.
Jonn Weeden Depy St Comssr for Aug	54.
[285] Saml Hutchings Depy St Comssr for Augst	54.
Jno Smith Do Do	54.
Jno Astin Messenger fr 24 July to 1 Sepr	37.
Jno Cochran Do Do	37.
P J Arcularius 1 Lost fire Bucket	2.
D S Jones Balc as Counsel & Sundries full	128.22
B Waldron Attens Poll 6th Wd Election	6.
G Sneethen Supt & lights Lamps 1 Mo 1 Sepr	591.76
J F Delaplaine & Co 17 Casks oil	853.75
J Fine & Co repairing Pumps 5 & 8th wards	168.60
H Brush Do 7th Wd	60.13
Beebee *Hingus* [& Angus] Do 10th Wd	49.56
John Combs Do 7th Wd	38.44
Jas Richardson cleans Wells 6. 7. 10th Wds	22.56
Caleb Felch balc Well & Pump Cherry St	91.
Jas Felthouson Well & Pump 1st Instlmt N Moore St	66.50
Jacbob Harsin Award to Dutch Church 8th aven	50.
J McComb St Comssr Court & Atty fees 8 Avenue	745.45
Robt Latimer Acct forming Road 8th Do	500.
E Ginnings Acct Work 3d Avenue	500.
Thos Lovett Acct pavg Water St	225.
C Mooney balc paving at Cathn Market	393.52
Thos Scott flagging walk in Bd Way Park	206.22
Archd Smyth Acct paving Chapel St	200.
Thos Scott acct paving Pearl St	100.
Do Do Fair St	100.
Jno Bailey paving Walks & Intersections	236.45
Richd Moran paving Do	62.98
Jas Meghan Do Do	39.32
Office of Columbian printg Assmts 6 mo	82.50
J McComb St Comssr balc Sundries	8.51
Jas Vincent Balc fillg collect Lots	184.20
[286] O Waldron Overseer Roads for Augst	275.93
Saml Jones Junr Int on Bond 6 Years	763.39
Jno Suydam Principal & Int of Bond	6373.12
Jno Suydam 6 Mo Rent Engr House to 1 May	52.50
Lemuel Richardson 1 Year ground rent Engr House No 30 in Rivington St to 1 May	10.

N Fish Esq[r] Chair[n] for Gas lights	1000.
J P Roome Sup[dt] reprs materials Eng Houses	2000.
R Furman for New Alms House	20000.
A W Hardenbrook Acct Engines	1000.
	$
Balance	$

[287] In Common Council Sep[r] 23[d] 1816

present The Hon[l] J Radcliff Mayor President

John B Coles	Aldermen.	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants.
Jonas Mapes		Anth[y] L Underhill	
Augustine H Lawrence		William Stone	
Thomas R Smith		Robert M[c]Queen	
William AlBurtis		Samuel Ackerly	
Nicholas Fish		George B Thorpe	
Reuben Munson		John H Tallman	
		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

The Clerk of the Common Council informed the Board that the copies of the Sermon delivered by the Rev[d] M[r] Stanford ordered to be printed, had been delivered to him and he requested the direction of the Common Council as to their distribution Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the following Committee to distribute the same Com[ee] Alder[n] Mapes Munson AlBurtis

An account of G Mills & B Hicks for expenses incured in removing dead animals from the Streets was read and referred to the [288] Board of Health

A Memorial of William Schultz, was presented stating, that he has invented an improvement on the common lamp, now in use which adds greatly *of* [to] the brilliancy of the light given therefrom & praying the Common Council to examine the same. Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to the Lamp Com[ee]

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing near Peck Slip praying that the station for the Cartmen at said Slip may be removed below Water Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets

A Memorial of Alexander Coffin Agent for the State Prison was received, stating, That the Water Lot on which the present dock of the State Prison was erected has not yet been granted by the Corporation and praying the same may now be done was read & referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A Petition that the opening of the 2d avenue may be delayed, was read and ordered that the same may be delayed until 1st November next

A Memorial of George Patterson master of Brig Orange from Aberdeen, stating, that he brought alien Passengers from said Port [289] and landed them at Amboy in New Jersey that not knowing he was bound to report and give bonds he has incurred a penalty which he prays may be remitted on his paying costs and giving the requisite Sureties. Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney, with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner on the usual terms

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the plan adopted for an improvement at the confluence of Cherry & Pearl St and praying it to be reconsidered—was read & referred to the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court on that subject viz Messrs Beal N Lewis, Augs Wright & Thos Bolton

A Petition of Walter Somerville for remission of fine incurred, and upon which judgment has been entered, and he is in prison upon the execution issued on the same—was read & referred to the Attorney for a statement of facts

A Petition of Leonard Fisher to lease a strip of ground in the rear of his lot in Pearl St and also for an extension of his lease of a Lot in William St was read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well corner of Wooster & Spring St was read & referred to the Aldern & Assist of the [290] Ward & Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

A Petition of John Combs for remission of fine under Hack Law, was read & referred to the Attorney to report facts

A Petition of Edward M Blunt for extension of time (for 30 days) for payment of Assessment for opening & extending Fair (now Fulton) Street was read & granted

A Memorial of the Inhabitants of Manhattan Island praying for the establishment of a Watch at that place was read, & referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Frederick Regeer for appointment as a Watchman at the Penitentiary was read & referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of John McKenzie stating, that for $12. owing by him to John ONeale late Collector of the 6th Ward, he had deposited with him as security sundry articles of furniture which were sold together with other property of Oneale to pay the arrears of tax due by Oneale, &

praying releif—was read & Resolved Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Remonstrance from sundry inhabitants in the vicinity of Coentius Slip against a [291] practice of sundry vessels loaded with fish of remaining in the Slip & retailing their articles to the exclusion of coasters, & a similar remonstrance from the Masters of coasters frequenting said Slip, were read & referred to the Aldermen & assistants of the 1st & 2d Wards

A Petition of Jabez Thompson praying that his House standing on ground taken to open North St may be permitted to remain was read & referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward to report thereon

A Memorial of Nathan McVickar stating that a Pump stands on the side Walk of Walker Street contrary to the regulations of the Corporation, & praying the same may be removed—was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report

A Memorial of Sophia Usher praying a continuation of the indulgence of the Corporation to be permitted to continue possession of the ground of the Corporation on which she has erected a Shop for vending Soda Water, accompanied by recommendations in favor of petitioner, was read and leave given to petitioner to withdraw her petition

A Petition of Samuel Gibson for remission [292] of fine incurred for a nuisance created by him, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Memorial of Alexander Kirkpatrick praying relief from a recognisance which he entered into, conditioned that one Ellen Moore & Law, Vagrants should not return, which condition was broken—Ordered to be referred to the Attorney to report

A Petition of Caleb Carpenter praying remission of penalty incurred under the law respecting Porters, was read & referred to the Attorney with authority to remit

And it was referred to the Counsel & Attorney to report such amendments in the law respecting Porters, as they shall judge necessary

A Memorial of Fire Engine Company No 11 remonstrating against the removal of their Engine from its present station at Old Slip was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Robert Welshman for appointment of Inspector of Firewood, and of William Johnson for appointment as a measurer of grain, were read & referred to the Committee on applications

Petitions of John Smith, Asa Childs & Henry [293] Pessenger for Stalls in the Fly market—of Samuel G Aldridge for stand in the lower Fly Market & John Frapple for Stall in Catharine Market, were read & referred to the Market Committee

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the following assessments & Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same viz

1st For opening Hudson St from near Laight to Spring St

2d For filling & improving Catharine Slip

3d For a Well & Pump in Anthony St between Church & Chapple St

He also presented the assessment for a Well in Norfolk St which had been referred to the Assessors for correction, which was now confirmed & Morris De Camp appointed Collector

He also presented the amounts of proposals which he had received for forming a road through the 8th avenue, which was read & laid on the table

He also presented Assessments for opening Varick St from N Moore to Laight St, and also for paving Laight St from Varick to Greenwich St which were confirmed & Morris De Camp appointed collector in each

[294] He also presented an ordinance for building a Bulkhead, and making Water St from Rutgers Slip to Clinton St. An ordinance for a Pier on the Westerly side of Rutgers Slip—& an ordinance for a Pier on the Easterly side of Rutgers Slip—which were passed.

Upon the Report of the attorney penalties were remitted to Captns Barber, Cawtwright, Reavely, Higton, Penn, Dench, Tuckey, Narligue, Marshall, Row, Parks, Stout, Packer, & Merrill, incurred by not reporting passengers agreably to law

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

John R Livingston	Agent	Chaple St
Do Do	Do	White St
David R Lambert	owr	155 Fly Market
James Lamb	occpt	
John Benson	owr	120 Anthony St
Jno R Livingston	Agent	Leonard St
Charity Vn Allen	owr	5 Rhinder St
Hugh L Patterson	occpt	
Jno R Livingston	Agent	Walker St

Wm Dusenberry	owr & occpt	11 Chaple St
Robt Gillmore	Do Do	6 Rhinder St
Jacob C Mott	owr	Lewis St
Jno R Livingston	Agent	Chaple St
Susan Phelan	owr	239 Duane St
Solomon Levi	occpt	
[295] Henry M Beave	owr	139 Chamber St
Alexr Ward	occpt	
Joseph Constant	owr	101 Duane
Richd Riker Agt. J J Laboux	occpt	
Joseph Constant	owr	
Ricd Riker	Agent	100 Do
Richard L Walker	occpt	
Martha Meyers	owr	134 Bowery
Jno Taylor & Peter Spricer	occpts	
Charity Vn Allen	owr	5 Rhinder St
Hugh L Patterson	occpt	
Danl L Lambert	owr	115 Fly market
James Lambert	occpt	
James Dobbins	owr	35 Henry St
Mary Watts	occpt	

Which were passed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Hook & Ladder Compy No 2

Ephraim T Badeau Hatter 6 Bowy Lane 6 Wd
Benjamin Scribner Acctt Catharine St 7 Wd } additional

No 7.

John Hitchcock, Mercht, 42 Peck Slip Vice George B Smith resgd

Richard Townley, Mercht, 37 Bancker St Vice John W Fox deceased

Sylvester Pier Copper Smith 233 Water St Vice James R Mount Resigd

No 11

Randolph Drake Accountt 8 Front 1 Wd Vice Ephraim Johnson Resigd

[296] No 12.

George B Smith, Moroco Dresser, 39 Frankfort St 4 Wd additional

N° 20.

Bezaleel Sandford, Grocer, 83 Courtlandt St 3 W^d^
Abraham Kidney Mason 77 Chapel S^t^ 5 W^d^ } additional

N° 36

Henry Knapp, Shoemaker, Spring St 8^th^ W^d^ Vice John Tomkins res^gd^

N° 40.

Isaac Skaats, House Carpenter N° 5 Grand St 10^th^ W^d^ Vice David Topping res^gd^

The Counsel presented a Law entitled "A Law respecting Swine" which was read by paragraphs & passed

The Counsel & Comptroller on the Petition of Lewis Angevine & George Graham, Sureties for John O Neale late collector of the 6 Ward Reported That the Administratrix of the estate of John Oneale has in her possession a sum of money amounting to about fifteen hundred Dollars which were collected by the said John O Neale for taxes, and that provided it is paid over to the Chamberlain, and provided she and the Petitioners will execute such an instrument to be approved of by the Counsel of the Board as will preserve the liability of the Administratrix and of the said Sureties, and provided further that the person who may be nominated to collect the tax shall execute a bond for such an amount and with such securities as shall be [297] approved by the Chamberlain, that the Counsel & Comptroller are of opinion that it would be expedient to appoint a suitable person to collect the residue of the Taxes mentioned in said Petition

The Counsel & Comptroller would further suggest, that Thomas Mooney the present Collector of the 6^th^ Ward has been recommended by the Petitioners, and that they are of opinion that he is a suitable person to be appointed to collect the residue of said Tax

(Sig^d^) Ogden Edwards
G N Bleecker Comp^r^

Which was approved and upon the Securities mentioned in said Report being given Thomas Mooney was authorized & appointed to collect the taxes remaining due & uncollected by said John ONeale in said 6^th^ Ward

The Counsel presented a Bond of Arbitration in the matter in difference between the Corporation & Elbert Anderson & Theodorus Bailey, which was directed to be duly executed

He also presented articles of agreement between the Corporation

& John Anderson respecting the building a Bulk Head & Pier in the North River near the foot of Dey St which was directed to be duly executed

He also presented an assignment of the lease of Lot N° 233 Front St from Uriah B Scribner [298] & Daniel Wurts to Gilbert Hopkins & Judson Hawley & of Lease of Lot N° 2 Elm Street from Eliphalet Sturtevant to Henry Hamilton, which were directed to be duly executed

The Comptroller presented the following Releases of quit rents the parties therein named having commuted therefor

One to John Colvill for Water Lot at the East River granted 21 March 1775 to Henry H Kip

One To Henry Van Solingen for Water Lot at the North River granted 20 feb^{y} 1804 to Arthur Smith

One to James Amory for Lot N° 120 Com^{n} Lands granted 18 March 1800 to James Walker

& one to Abraham K Smedes for Lot N° 184 Com^{n} Lands granted 15 March 1800 to James Amory all of which have been commuted and paid at the usual terms

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Which were directed to be duly executed

The Comptroller on the Petition of Cornelia Livingston, Reported— From correct information obtained at the Street Commissioners Office, it appears that the sum of $177.89 is due to the Petitioner, and should be paid with Interest. It is therefore respectfully recommended that a Warrant should be passed at the next meeting of the Board in favor of the Petitioner

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Which was approved & a Warrant directed to [299] be reported therefor

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that funds are wanting to redeem the Corporation Bills of credit, and suggests the propriety of disposing of a sum not exceeding Ten thousand Dollars of the U S. 6 p^{r} Ct Stock now in the hands of the Treasurer, and which has been appropriated for that purpose, to be done under the direction of the Committee of Finance

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Which was approved

The Committee on Assessments & St Comss[r] presented the following

The Committee on Assessments together with the Street Commissioner in pursuance of a Resolution of the Common Council of the 6[th] August last presents the following list of Delinquents on sundry assessments and respectfully recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to advertise the property so assessed as the law directs

(Sig[d]) Samuel Akerly
Robert M[c]Queen
Jacob Lorillard
William Stone
Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

Lits of Delinquent persons & Property For opening 2[d] avenue

[300]	2	Lots	N[o]	on First St	to James Roosevelt	$5.
	2	"	3832 & 3848	D[o]	D[o]	12
	2	"	407 & 408	D[o]	Lawrence	12
	4	"	431 & 434	D[o]	Ja[s] Cardwell .....p[d]	25
	1	"	435	D[o]	M[rs] Knapp	8
	1	"	437	D[o]	Peter Westervelt .....p[d]	8.25
	2	"			Peter G Stuyvesant.....	35
	4	"	228 to 231	D[o]	Heirs of Jn[o] Staples.....	60
	1	"	234	D[o]	M[rs] Wilson	10
	1	"	240	D[o]	Ow[r] unknown	9.50
	1	"	205	D[o]	Ja[s] Roosevelt	7.
	1	"	208	D[o]	Geo Janeway	6.50
	1	"	209	D[o]	Jn[o] Creighton .....p[d]	6.50
	1	"	168	D[o]	Jeffery Marven .....p[d]	5 50
	1	"		D[o]		

For paving Walnut Street

	1	"	Walnut St assess[d] to	To Isaac Halsey.....		44
	2	"	N[o] 1. & 2.	Walnut to	Nich[ls] Low	Jn[o] Tenney Less[e] 86.12
	1	"	8	Bancker St	D[o]	D[o]..... 2 56
	1	"		Walnut	Cha[s] Smith	Es of Sam[l] Winship ... 31.87
	1	"	10	Grand	Nich[ls] Low	Jn[o] Tenney... 97
	1	"	8	D[o]	D[o]	D[o] ... 1.96
	1	"	10	Banker	D[o]	D ... 84
	1	"	91	Lombardy	Wm Rhinelander	2 56
	1	"	82	Cherry St	D[o]	44
	1	"	96	Lombardy	Geo Janeway	44
	1	"	84	Cherry	D[o]	44
	1	"	83	D[o]	D[o]	44
	2	"	77 & 78	D[o]	D[o]	88

For regulating Gouverneur St

	1 Lot	80	Gouverneur St	Geo Janeway	$3 15
	2 "	61 & 62	Do	Nichls Low Jno Corlies Jr..	26.50
[301]	1 Lot	No 66.	Gouverneur St to	Nichls Low	15.75
	2 "	67 & 68	Do	Peter Ogilvie	31.50
	2 "	71 & 72	Do	Geo Janeway	31.50
	11 "	93 to 104	Do	Peter Ogilvie	183.96
	20 "	93 to 92	Do	Est N Gouverneur Thos Knox Agt	184 34

Repaving Chapel St fm Thomas St to 100 ft North

	1 "		Chapel St	Chas Debevoise	17.76
	1 "		Do	Do	21.48
	1 "		Do	Do	77
	1 "		Do	Do	2.19
	1 "		Do	Do	2 24
	1 "		Do	Do	2.19
	2 "		Do	Abysinian church.....	4.48
	1 "	for Pump	$5.75	Richd Davis	7.99
	1 "		do	Henry Esteline	1.76

For opening Fair Street

	1 "	Fair St		Jno Halstead	334.50
	1 "	Beekman Slip		E Embree E M Blunt....	150
	1 "	Cliff St		Abm Bokee	12.25
	1 "	Do		Jacob Walden & Benjn Pell..	67.50
	1 "	Do		Jno Anderson	29.25

For opening North Street

	3 Lots	No	on North St	A Hartwell .....pd	14
	3 "		Do	Heirs of Jno Boscowen....pd	14
	14 "		Do	Do Jno Miller	52.50
	3 "		Do	Presbyterian Church	9.50
	1 parcel of Lots		Do	Abijah Hammond	330.
	2 Lots on S W corner of North & Ridge St owner unknown				10.06
	4 Do	W	Do	Do & Pitt St Do Do	21.25
	Sundry Pieces of ground North St Noah & Adam Brown...				287.25
	4 Lots ground on North St said to be R C Livingstons.....				20.50
	4 Do	Do	Do	Do Do	20 50
[302]	4 Lots ground on North S said to be R C Livingstons or A Lambs				23 50
	4 Do		Do	Elijah Whipple .....pd	10.25
	1 Do		Lewis St	D Roberts .....pd	8.

For Well & Pump in Pearl Street

	4 Do	No 1 to 4	Pearl St	Geo Janeway	29.75
	1 Do	5	Do	Do A Hasbrock....	8 25

For Well & Pump in Stanton Street

	do	25 to 32	Stanton St	Noah Brown	25.50
	1 do	No 34	Columbia St	R C Livingston.....	5

For Well & Pump in Broome St

1 Lot N°	5	Sullivan St	Fred^c Youman	6
1 "	6	D°	Dan^l Burges	5
1 "	20	Clark	Ja^s Dawson	3.50

For Well & Pump in Dominick St.

1 "	5	Clark St	Edw^d Lyon	7.25
1 "	6	D°	Debaux or J G Bates.....	7.25
1 "	17	Dominick St	M^rs Cozine	8.

For Paving Franklin Street

Lots 29. to 37	Franklin St	Henry White	279
D° 38 & Alley	D°	F V C White.....p^d	58.90
D° 39. 40. 41	d° Alley	Ja^s Morris	98.17

For regulating Cannon Street

4 Lots	Cannon St	Luke Kip	117.82
2 D°	D°	Henry Hoyt or Valentine....	67.55
2 D°	D°	W^m Edgar or Geo Little....	67.55
4 D°	D°	Tho^s Harrison or Delongeumair	164.96
4 D°	D°	Rob^t Roberts	153.57

For regulating Goerck Street

Sundry Lots on Goerck St ass^d to J R Livingston.....	367.86

Whereupon the Street Commissioner was directed to proceed to advertise & upon non payment of assessments to sell the same agreably to law

[303] The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Harlæm for aid in establishing a Free School Reported That there are many persons dwelling in the neighbourhood of Harlæm Heights, who by reason of their poverty, & local circumstances, are unable to afford to their Children that education which can alone be the sure foundation of their becoming useful & respectable Citizens—that the wisdom & policy of our laws, are not less conspicuous in the establishment of Common Schools than in the liberal & judicious provisions made for their support—that by the distribution of the School fund this City & County is entitled to, & receives therefrom annually about $5000; and a like sum being annually raised within the County by tax to be applied in like manner makes an aggregate sum of $10000 annually appropriated to free Schools in this City—that the Petitioners have not hitherto derived any benefit from the Common School fund nor can they partake thereof until a free School shall be organized some months previous to the distribution of the fund; and it appearing to the Committee that the Petitioners have not the means either of building a house or of supporting a teacher they therefore recommend that the

Sum of $400 be appropriated to the purchase of ground & to the building of a [304] School House in the neighbourhood of Harlæm Heights at such place as shall be designated by Samuel Bradhurst, Valentine Nutter & Samuel Watkins, who are hereby authorized to carry the same into effect, and that a Warrant issue in their names for that amount

(Sigd) Nichs Fish
Thos R Smith
Samuel Akerly
Arthur Burtis

Which was approved and a Warrant ordered to be reported therefor

The Committee on applications upon the Petition of Peter Stuyvesant to be appointed a City Weigher, reported that the prayer of the Petition be granted—Which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly

Resolved that the following be a Committee to consider and report upon the establishment of Pounds, within the City & County and to designate suitable places for the same Comee Aldern Munson Aldern Fish Aldern Coles

The following Resolution was presented by Aldn Munson and agreed to

Resolved that it be referred to the Bellevue Committee to report to this Board at their next meeting, what compensation it will be [305] proper to allow the keeper of the Penitentiary for his Services pr Year, and what shall be the compensation of the Deputy Keepers pr Year

The following was presented by Aldern Smith and agreed to

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee of Finance to consider whether the number of printers employed by this Board & the subscription price of their papers, may not be reduced, without detriment to the public interest

And that the said Committee report thereon at the next meeting

The following was presented by Aldern Smith and agreed to

Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider whether the expense incurred by working the several Avenues should be wholly defrayed by this Board or otherwise, & that they report, at the next meeting

The following were appointed the Committee Aldern Smith Coles Buckmaster

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of the Board of Health for Two hundred and fifty Dollars

[306] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$11200.22	
Warrants not presented	3701.38	
		$7498.84

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	645.75
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brown Do	339.50
Ogden Edward Counsel Salry 27 Aug & Charges	275.
Disbrow, Conckdin, Abel, & Striker enfors Laws 1 Qr	200.
Danl H Megie Keepr Potters field 1 Mo 1 Sepr	46.50
P. Becannon Inspr Bread 1 Qr 10 Sepr	99.20
Editor Courier, 6 mo Subn 12 Sepr	75.
Prior & Dunning Tax Books for 1816	56.
Jos Leonard list passens Coastwise 6 mo 1 Aug	25.
R Hubbard Jail fees May 1815 J Mabbatt	12.51
S McCormick & 5 Officers Attens Dinner 4th July	9.
S Walker Posting Bills	4.
P Schermerhorn 1 Yrs rent Engs No 18 1 Sepr	75.
Jos Dederer 6 mo Int on Bond to 3d July	126.71
A Smyth Acct paving Chapel St	600.
Hugh Smith Do Do Washington St	400.
A Smyth Do regulating Do	350.
J Bailey Acct paving Chatham St	300.
Thos Lovett Do Do Water St	250.
A Ball Do Do Elm St	225.
T Scott Do Do Beekman Slip St	200.
Ed Doughty surveying & Maps St Comssr	162.40
Jas Boyle Acct regulating Leonard St	100.
C Oniel balc Well & Pump Varick St	73.42
[307] J McComb St Comssr Court Attorney's & Commissioners fees 9th Avenue	487.65
J McComb St Cosr Do Do 10th Avenue	686.76
Saml Kip Supers Work 3d avenue to 23d Sepr	106.
Jas Vincent fills Lots Collect St of D Lynch	321.50
	$
Balc	$

[308] In Common Council Oct^{r} 7th 1816

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter A Jay	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anth^{y} L Underhill	
Peter Conrey		John Brown	
William Al Burtis		Robert M^{c}Queen	
Arthur Burtis		Samuel Akerly	
Reuben Munson		Geo B Thorpe	
		John H Tallman	
		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants praying that Rivington Street may be continued from Cannon St to the River was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Letter was received from D^{r} Hosack enclosing a Letter from M^{r} Thomas Sully of Philadelphia, in which he stated that having heard objections had been made by several persons to the Portrait of Com^{o} Decatur painted by him for the Corporation and being desirous that a more perfect one may be made, requests that the present [309] Portrait may be returned to him, and engaging that he will return to the Common Council free from all expense another portrait which he trusts will be more satisfactory to them

Whereupon Resolved that the request of M^{r} Sully be complied with under the direction of the Clerk of the Common Council

A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against removing a Pump in Walker St was read & referred to the Committee on the petition of N M^{c}Vickar viz The Alder^{n} & assistant of the ward & St Comss^{r}

A Petition of John Gardner for remission of fine incurred by not filling in a Lot, was read and granted

A Memorial of John W Francis stating he understands a vacancy will occur in the office of Physician of the Alms House—and offering himself as a Candidate therefor was read and referred to the Committee on applications

Two Memorials from Inhabitants residing in Fulton (late Partition St) praying that the side walks of said Street may be repaved were read & referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward & Street [310] Commissioner, with authority to cause the side walks to be repaved if in their opinion proper

A Memorial of James Eastburn offering to purchase on lease from

the Common Council the Lot at the West corner of Nassau & Wall Street, was read & referred to the Comptroller & Council

A Petition of James Wallace to be permitted to construct a Vault in Broome St near Broad Way, was referred to the Street Commissioner, to grant on the usual terms

A Communication of E Ludlow offering a House he is now erecting at the corner of Broad and Stone Street for a Watch House—was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of several refugee Frenchmen requesting permission to erect a stand or stall near the market for the purpose of vending Bologna Sausages and other viands was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of Cornelius Ray—George Schroppel & Clark complaining of their being called upon for payment of assessment for opening 28th St & 10th Avenue while the work is not yet [311] done and praying the collection to be delayed was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Memorial from a great number of the Inhabitants of the 1st Ward praying some further regulations with respect to the Watch established in that part of the City, was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Memorial of John Pintard in behalf of the Academy of arts was read stating that in the appropriation of the apartments of the late Alms House a mistake was made in the boundary between the apartments assigned to Mr John Scudder and the said academy, it being intended that Mr Scudder should occupy all that portion of the 2d & 3d Stories as is bounded by the brick partition Wall on the west side of the center of the building and that the academy relinquish in favor of Mr Scudder all pretensions to that part of the building

Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Counsel to alter the leases granted of said apartments agreably to the above suggestion

A Memorial was presented from the Inhabitants of the 8th Ward suggesting [312] the propriety of erecting, direction Boards at Broom and Sullivan Ste Whereupon on motion of Alderm Burtis—Resolved that the superintendant of Repairs be directed to place Direction Boards on all the Streets which are built upon, where necessary

A Memorial from Owners of Lots in and nigh, Washington, Amos, Charles and Christopher Sts remonstrating against the Plan proposed for regulating said Streets was read and referred to the Committee on that subject viz Alderm Burtis Coles Munson

A Petition that Harman St may be opened & Dug through from Clinton to Grand St, was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & Street Comss[r]

A Memorial of Hicks and Titus stating that they are owners of a Lot & Store at the corner of Market Slip & Water St—that the assessors in laying the Tax for the same valued it at four thousand five hundred Dollars, but in copying the Tax Books a mistake was made in the same and they were carried out Forty five thousand, and the Collector demands payment of the Tax agreably thereto, and they pray relief—Whereupon ordered that the same be [313] referred to the Comptroller

A Communication of John M Hall on the subject of working the avenues by the convicts, was read & referred to the Road Comm[ee]

A Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Company N[o] 24 remonstrating against the removal of the Engine from its present station at Tyron Row, was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition that Greenwich Street, may be paved from Charlton to Hammond St was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to direct the same to be done

A Petition of Nathan Eisenhart late Deputy Clerk of Catharine Market, stating that he is indebted to the Corporation in the sum of $265 which he is unable immediately to pay and requesting an indulgence to be permitted to pay it in Instalments of $16 p[r] month—Whereupon Resolved that upon Petitioner & his Security confessing Judgment to the amount due that execution be staid thereon till further order of the Board

A Petition of John Hertell for remission of penalty incurred under an ordinance [314] directing the filling in a Lot, was read and granted on payment of costs

A Petition of Tho[s] Hazard & George B Raymond for remission of penalty of Recognizance entered into by them conditioned that one Louis Roux a vagrant should leave the City, which has become forfeit by the return of said Roux—was read and referred to the attorney

A Petition of Geo Lovett stating that he is imprisoned on a suit instituted by the Attorney of the Corporation for not reporting and giving Bonds for alien passengers which he brought in his vessel and landed at Amboy and praying the penalty to be remitted on his giving Security to the amount of five hundred Dollars—Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to his Honor the Mayor & the Commis-

sioners of the Alms House with authority to take bond for such sum as they in their discretion shall think proper under the present situation of the Petitioner

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 5

James Toole, Grocer, 15 Mulberry St, 6 Wd Vice Samuel Nichols

Jacob Defandorf Mercht 87 Chapel St 5 Wd Vice Peter Reynolds movd out of Town

[315] F Engn Compy No 18

Isaac Hatch Hatter 59 Cherry St 4th Wd Vice Cornelius M Allen resigd

No 32.

Moses Vincent Wheelwright Bowery 8th Wd Vice Samuel Patterson resgd

No 33

George Brinkerhoff, Cordwainer Water St 7th Wd Vice Joal Miller resgd

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the subject of a Well for the accomodation of the Engine House in Fulton St. Reported That he has examined the situation, and is of opinion that a Well is requisite—but that it ought to be sunk in the Street as it would be very convenient for the Firemen afford better water and accomodate the neighbours who are very desirous of having a Well & Pump at that place

He would therefore recommend that a Well be sunk in Fulton St on a line with the lower side of the Corporation Lot and that an ordinance be passed for that purpose

Sigd Jno McComb St Comssr

Which was approved

He at the same time presented an ordinance agreably to said report which was passed and James H Guion. Aquila Giles & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed assessors therein

[316] The Street Commissioner who was instructed by a Resolution of the Board of 11th March last—to direct all persons who have any buildings on the public ground in the vicinity of the City Hall for the purpose of purchasing or selling any articles, to have the same removed on or before the first of October inst Reported—That he has served Mrs Usher with a copy of said Resolution and has called on her

within a few days—but finds that she is not disposed to remove her building from off the public ground

Sig[d] J M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

Which was directed to be referred to the Counsel and Attorney to take the necessary measures to carry the Resolution into effect

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Weaght Munson appointed Collector in each —Viz—An assessment for regulating & paving Pump St from Orange to Collect St for paving Bancker St from Roosevelt to near James St —and for repaving Peck Slip from Pearl to Water Street

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Philip Rhinelander	Owr	Greenwich St
John J Astor	D[o]	D[o]
[317] Absolom Washburn	owr	Sixth St
Joseph Washburn	occpts	
John Webbers		
Joseph Johnson	owr	Harman St
Edward Richardson	occp[t]	
Abraham Potts	owr	C[r] Spring & Sullivan
John Concklin	occp[t]	
James Bolan	owr	31 Reed St
Gilbert Hunter	occpt	
James Conolly	owr	48 Duane "
Catharine Haney	owr	27 Augustus "
Michael Haney	occp[t]	
Robert Bogardus	agent	63 James St
Henry Miller	occp[t]	
M[rs] Porter	owr	59 James "
Henry Parsons	occp[t]	
Andrew Tenyck	owr	64 James "

Which were passed

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comp[r] respectfully lays before the Board, an Account current received from the Clerk of the Police Office, stating a balance due to him of $169.49. This account is from March 18[th] 1811 to the 5[th] September last, and embraces charges which have not been usually allowed and paid for by the Corporation. And as it appears proper that an uniform regulation should be adopted, as to the expenses of this department which are to become a county charge,—it is respectfully

[318] proposed to refer this account to a committee, for their investigation & decision

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Police

The Finance Committee and Comptroller on the Petition of Tho^{s} Dunning Reported

The amount of City & County Tax of the 9th Ward for the Year 1815 was	$9013.66
Deduct Insolvents returned	321.84
	8691.82
Deduct Commissions 6 p^{r} Ct	521.51
Nett amount of Tax	$8170.31

M^{r} Dunning has paid into the treasury

1816. May 6th	7000.
Sep^{r} 9th	1962.17
	8962.17
Nett am^{t} of Tax as above	8170.31
Balance due T Dunning	$791.86

The Treasurer informs, that the State Tax is exactly settled

As to the charge of Sheriffs fees paid by M^{r} Dunning, amounting by his statement to $269 and which he submits to the justice and generosity of the Board to refund him as he believes that the warrant was issued against him thro' mistake—The Committee are of opinion that it would not be proper for the board to admit the principle, as the Treasurer proceeded in the discharge of his duty according to law and the expenses [319] incurred in consequence of his neglecting to make a return at the time prescribed by the act of the Legislature

They therefore recommend that a Warrant should be reported at the next meeting for the aforesaid balance due M^{r} Dunning in full

(Sig^{d}) A H Lawrence
Jacob Lorillard
Reuben Munson
W^{m} AlBurtis

Which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported agreably thereto

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner on the Petition of W^{m} Hunter. Reported That they have duly considered the case of the Petitioner and are of opinion that owing to the peculiar circumstances

thereof he ought to have relief inasmuch as he has not nor ever can derive any advantage from wharfage, as the whole of the waters in front of his property is reserved for and occupied as a public slip

The estimated cost of the Bulkhead exceeds $6000. Your Committee would therefore recommend that Mr Hunter be reimbursed in the sum of $2000 payable in a bond of the Corporation at two years without Interest, and that he have the priviledge of commuting for the quit rent [320] on the usual terms

Sigd G N Bleecker Compr
Jno McComb St Comssr

Which was approved and a Bond directed to be issued agreably thereto

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully informs the *the* Board that owing to the large sums of Corporation Bills of credit presented for payment at the City Bank, it would be advisable to dispose of the remainder of the certificate of U S Six per cent Stock $19 903 $^{78}/_{100}$ in such manner and time as the Committee of finance shall direct

The concurrence of the Board is respectfully recommended

(Sigd) G N Bleecker Compr

Which was approved and the stock directed to be sold for said purpose

The Counsel & Comptroller on the petition of Gideon Kimberly, reported—That on the 4th of December 1815 the Common Council ordered a grant to issue to Gideon Kimberly for a Water Lot at Brooklyn which he at that time declined accepting, but is now desirous of taking upon the terms then offered and is willing to pay the rent which has since accrued and the expense of preparing a Deed in pursuance of the former grant

Under these circumstances the Comptroller [321] & Counsel are of opinion that it is expedient that the said Lot should be granted to him

The Counsel has prepared a Deed for that purpose which is herewith submitted

Sigd Ogden Edwards
G N Bleecker Compr

Which was approved, and the grant which was presented by the Counsel was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel & Attorney agreably to directions given reported "A Law to regulate Public Porters in the City of New York" which was read by paragraphs & passed.

The Counsel agreably to the reference to him reported, "A Law to regulate night Scavengers in the City of New York" which was read by paragraphs and passed

He also agreably to order presented an amendment to the Law respecting Weights & Measures, which was referred back with authority to report a law embracing all the necessary regulations on the subject

The Counsel presented a Petition to the Supreme Court relative to the enlarging straightening & improving Bridge St—which was directed to be duly authenticated

The Attorney of the Board on the petition [322] of Walter Somerville Reported That a judgment has been obtained by David S Jones (late attorney) in favor of the Corporation against the said Walter Somerville by default for $125 besides costs—being the sum mentioned in his recognizance when he received a License as a retail grocer

The complaint against him was for disorderly conduct in his Store, card playing and scuffling—the circumstances of the case do not differ materially from those related by the petitioner

A neighbour of the Petitioner gives him the character of a peceable quiet man & states that he never heard any complaint against the orderly character of his House except the complaint above alluded to

It appears that the petitioner has been one month confined on the limits of the debtors jail, & is in low circumstances

The attorney respectfully submits to your honorable body the propriety of remitting the penalty on payment of costs

(Sig^{d}) A Sherman Atty

Which was approved and the fine directed to be remitted on payment of costs

The Attorney on the petition of John Combs Reported That the Hackney carriage mentioned and referred to in the petition has been driven by the petitioner for hire for about three months past without a license [323] That he never had a license to run said carriage but purchased the same of M^{r} Henry Underhill, who while he was the owner did have a license and run said carriage as N^{o} 102—which remained upon it for some time after the Petitioner became the owner and proprietor the number was afterwards taken off by the petitioner but the carriage continued running—It has generally been standing in Market Street or the neighbourhood thereof, and not upon any regular stand—It appeared that the petitioner had newly embarked in the business of keeping a Hackney carriage and from the number

being on the one in question and it having been licensed by the former owner he may have been led into an error

He respectfully submits to the Board the propriety of remitting the penalty incurred on the usual terms

Sig A Sherman Atty

Whereupon Resolved that on petitioners paying the sum of twenty five Dollars and the costs, that the remainder of the penalty be remitted to him

The Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court for improving the intersection of Pearl and Cherry St to whom the remonstrance relative to said improve- [324] ment had been referred, reported. That believing after mature deliberation that it would be improper as commissioners to pronounce on the propriety or impropriety of either of the proposed plans of improvement they begged leave respectfully to decline offering any opinion on the subject Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward

The Committee on the Fire Department Reported—That agreably to an order of the Board, they have commenced building the Engine House in Beaver Street & have stopped them after getting one story owing to objections by Mr Suydam stating that he sold the lot under the full impression that no other use than Engine Houses would be made of it

The committee had it in contemplation of raising the building two stories believing that it would be more ornamental and the upper part would be wanted for some public purpose and the season is far advanced we wish the opinion of the Board how to proceed

(Sigd) Arthur Burtis
Robert McQueen
A L Underhill

Whereupon it was resolved that the Committee proceed in the erection of the Buildings on said Lot

[325] The Bellevue Committee on the subject of fixing the salary of the Keeper & Deputy Keepers of the Penitentiary Reported That they have taken the same into consideration and recommend the sum of eight hundred Dollars be paid the said Keeper, and the sum of Four hundred Dollars to each of the Deputy Keepers as their salary until the further pleasure of this Board

(Sigd) Reuben Munson
Geo B Thorp
John Brown

Which was approved

The Committee on the subject of fixing a place for a public Pound Reported That they would recommend that a place be assigned for that purpose near the public work Shop as there are Lots belonging to the Corporation which would be less offensive to the Citizens than any other place as your Committee believes

(Sig[d]) Reuben Munson
Jn° B Coles

Which was approved and the Superintendent of Repairs was directed to cause said lot to be enclosed with a sufficient Fence

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the Petition of Alex[r] Coffin Agent State Prison for Water Lot grant Reported [326] That in their opinion a grant should be prepared by the Counsel of the Board to the State of New York, for the Soil from high water mark to the easterly side of West Street, from the northerly side of Christopher st to the southerly side of Charles St for the time that the State Prison shall be occupied as such by the State, and the right also of the water from the Westerly side of West St, between Christopher & Charles Sts aforesaid during the pleasure of the Common Council; reserving to the Corporation their right to form such public piers and basins contiguous to *to* Charles & Christopher Streets as they shall at any time think proper—and West Street, within the limits aforesaid to be made and kept in order and repair at the sole expense of the State during the time they may occupy the premises

(Sig[d]) John M[c]Comb
St Comss[r]
G N Bleecker
Compt[r]

Which was approved and the grant ordered to be made out agreably thereto

[327] A Communication was received from M[r] John Randall Jun[r] on the subject of his contract with the Corporation relative to measuring & fixing the monuments of the avenues and Streets which was referred to Alder[n] Fish Coles Munson & The Street Commissioner

The Common Council being informed that on account of the sitting of the Supreme Court that M[r] Wells the Referee appointed in the matter of difference between the Corporation & Mess[rs] Anderson & Bailey, would not be able to attend to the hearing of the same, so as to make a determination within the time limited by the arbitration Bond It was ordered that new Bonds be executed extending the time of making the award until the first day of December next

A Representation of Benj[a] F Haskins Benj[a] Nichols & Peter Traphagen complaining of cruel treatment by the Keeper of the Bridewell, was presented & referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell

The following Resolution was presented by M[r] Jay and agreed to

Resolved that if the Commissioners of [328] Estimate & assessment for extending Hudson Street from Duane Street to Chamber Street, shall include in their estimate & assessment the triangular piece of land bounded by chapel St Hudson St & Reed St and if such estimate & assessment shall be finally confirmed this Corporation will keep open the said piece of land as a public place—But this Corporation doth not intend by this Resolution to approve of or consent to the proceedings of the said Commissioners

Resolved that a Warrant issue for $500 in favor of the Chairman of the Bellevue Committee to be applied to the payment of the Cartmen who are employed in removing the earth which the convicts are digging

Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Memorial to the Legislature with a Bill corresponding therewith for the purpose of having an amendment made to the law respecting ground for the scite of a market to be erected at Beekman Slip—so that the Corporation may be authorized to take the land under Water adjacent to the grounds intended to be taken for that purpose

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$18327.04
Warrants not presented	2676.39
	$15650.65

[329] Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	645.75
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brown Do	339.50
W[m] J Waldron Ass[t] City Insp[r] 1 Mo 1 Inst	60.
Obadiah Ayres Do Do	60.
Jon[a] Weeden Dep[y] St Comss[r] "	50.
Sam[l] Hutchings Do "	50.
John Smith Do "	50.
J Astin & J Cochran Messen[rs] "	60.
Jn[o] Bedient Coroner 1 Q[r] fees to "	481.12
Editor of Columbian 6 M[o] Sub[n] & "	85.

Lewis & Hall 6 Mo Subn Commercial	75.
P Burtsell Stationary 23 apl to 17 aug	127.50
R Jackson whitewashg Washington Market	28.
C Oneil repairg Wells 1 2 3 4 5 6 8th Wds	152.12
Js Richardson Do 4 6 7 10 "	59.87
Philips Lewis & Martin repaig Pumps 10th Wd	53.12
M Reid 1s Instlmt Bowy nr Vauxhall for Well & Pump	107.82
M Reid Do 1st Instlmt Crosby St	104.31
Cornelia Livingston Assessmt on Lots refunded	245.22
M Reid 1s Instlmt Well Pump Orange St	64.40
H Smith Acct pavg Washington St	100.
F Scott Do Do Pearl "	100.
J Bailey Acct Do Chatham "	200.
Abm Stagg Balc regulatg Goerck "	200.
C Mooney Acct pavg Franklin St	250.
U W Freeman Surveying to 30 Sepr	126.
[330] John M Hall Inspectg paving Streets	60.55
E Bishop & others making sundry Assmts	398.
J McComb St Comssr to pay fees openg Hudson & Elizabeth Sts	344.65
L Fisher cash pd by him for three Lots to be returned	275.16
G Sneethen Superintendg Lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst	572.34
Mann & Bool, plank fr middle Pier Peck Slip	195.31
H Allen repairing bridges Do Do	138.94
Saml B Waldron Overseer Roads 1 Mo 1 Sepr	326.18
F B Winthrop Jr for City Dispenry 1 Qr 1 Octr	250.
J Bradhurst & others School House Harlaem	400.
N Fish Chn Comee for Gas lights	1000.
F R Smith Treasr Bd Health	250.
J P Roome Supdt reprs for Markets Engine Houses &c	1000.
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
	$*15.264.86
*Balance	$*385.79

* Of later insertion.—Ed.

[331] In Common Council October 21st 1816.

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John B Coles	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthony L Underhill
Aug[n] H Lawrence	John Brown
Peter Conrey	William Stone
Thomas R Smith	Robert McQueen
Arthur Burtis	Sam[l] Akerly
Nicholas Fish	George B Thorp
Reuben Munson	John H Tallman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition that Sullivan St be continued 60 feet wide and be opened and regulated from Canal St to Laight St, was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Communication of Ruggles Hubbard Esq[r] Sherriff of the City—stating that the conveyance of convicts sentenced to the Penitentiary, was attend with considerable expense, and recommending that the cart of the Alms House be employed for that purpose, was read & referred to the [332] Commissioners of the Alms House, with authority to act in the premises

A Memorial of John J Westervelt Purveyor of the Alms House, requesting an addition to his salary, was read & referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Communication of M Crane Keeper of the Penitentiary stating that he had employed John Woodruff as one of the Keepers on the 13 June last, altho' he did not receive his appointment from the Board until some time after that period—Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to audit the account of M[r] Woodruff as from the said 13[th] June

A Petition of Frederick Seymour for Hucksters Stand in Washington Market—a Petition of W[m] Crawbuck for Stall in Collect Market—and a Petition for the establishment of a Market at the Collect, were read & referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of Peter Ogilvie & others stating that a Well had been constructed in the vicinity of Pitt & Delancy St, that an assessment had been laid & had been paid by the parties supposed to be benefitted by said Well, That the Well has now been pronounced insufficient & a new one is to be constructed—That as the Well was sunk by persons employed by, and [334] under the direction of the

Corporation they pray that the expense now to be incurred may be borne by the public

Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

An Invitation from the American academy of the Arts, to attend an Eulogium in memory of the late Chancellor Livingston the First President of the Academy to be delivered by De Witt Clinton Esq^{r}— on Wednesday 23 Inst was read & accepted. A Request of the academy for the use of the Sessions Court Room on that day, was granted The Invitation was accompanied by Tickets of admission to a private view of the first exhibition of the American Academy of the Arts, at the New York Institution on Thursday the 24th Inst.

A Petition of William Cooper stating that as owner of Lot on the Bowery he has been assessed for two Wells, one in Pitt St & one in Bayard St, and praying relief, was read and referred to the Alder^{n} & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of William Eagen for some employment under the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on applications

[335] A Petition was received from Elisa Underhill stating that she and her children are Proprietors of Lot N^{o} 231 on Water St, running into the River that it does not appear that a grant has been taken out for the ground between Front St and the River and praying that a Grant may issue to them for the same, whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition was received from James Lynch stating that his Father Dominick Lynch (who was absent from the City & in the Western part of the State) had been served with an ordinance to fill in certain Lots [which] could not be filled in, with any advantage until Collect St was raised, and praying a suspension of the ordinance, which had been issued

Whereupon the subject was referred to the Alderman & assistant of the 6th Ward the City Inspector & the Street Commissioner with authority to them to give such directions in the premises, as to them shall appear expedient

A Petition for a Well in Reed St near Broad Way was read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner with authority to grant the petition & to report and Ordinance therefor

A Memorial of Adam & Noah Brown and Daniel D Tompkins, was received stating [336] That they have obtained the exclusive right to navigate Boats propelled by Steam between the City of New York and the Narrows, Gravesend Bay & Shore, Jamaica Bay to Rockaway

& the Atlantic ocean to one mile Easterly of the House of Benj[a] Cornell, Sandy Hook & Spermaceti Cove—Shrewsbury & the Shores of Jersey as far northerly as the said Shores may bear South of a West line from the point of sandy Hook (excepting Middletown Point) and the Southerly & Easterly Shores of Staten Island. That they contemplate running Steam Boats to each of those points and propose commencing in the ensuing Spring with two Boats one of which will ply hourly between the City and that part of Staten Island where the Richmond Turnpike commences. They therefore pray the Corporation to authorise and confirm as far as may depend on their authority the running of Steam Boats by the Petitioners under the grant aforesaid and to set apart a portion of the land under water lying between the Battery and the West Pier of White Hall Slip for a Steam Boat Wharf to be improved by the Petitioners under such terms & regulations as to the Corporation may appear equitable. Whereupon Resolved that the said Petition be referred to the Ferry Committee to consider & report thereon

[337] A Proposition was received from Robert Latimer offering to work the 8[th] Avenue from Greenwich Lane to Kingsbridge Road where the new part of that avenue ends, for the sum of fourteen thousand Dollars, and the powder necessary to work the same, the price allowed for the powder not to exceed one thousand Dollars, With the understanding that the avenue is to be worked forty feet wide at an elevation three Degrees, except Burrows hill near Harlaem Flats which is to be finished at five Degrees elevation, the work to be finished in one year from signing the agreement & to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Whereupon Resolved that the said proposition be agreed to, on condition that approved security is given by said Latimer for the faithful performance of the contract that the consideration money be paid when the work is compleated, and that the same be done under the direction of the Road Committee & Street Commissioner and, as far as they shall judge advisable agreably to the plan proposed in the advertisement of the Street Commissioner—The Common Council in entering into this agreement reserve to themselves the right of laying an assessment for the payment of the sum contracted for upon the Owners & proprietors of the land benefited by said improvement as in all other [338] cases of improvement

A Petition of John Francis Larocque complaining of an undue assessment for a personal Tax, and praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Charity

A Petition that Sixth Street between Rivington & Stanton St may be regulated and paved was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of David Coffin master of Ship William from Newry stating that he had brought forty two alien Passengers which he landed at Amboy and not knowing the laws of the State did not on his arrival in this Port make report of them, that he has since reported & given bond for them, and praying to be released from the penalty incurred

Whereupon Resolved that the penalty be remitted on payment of costs which have accrued

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants that a Watchman may be stationed at the intersection of Broome & Wooster and one at the intersection of Bleecker & Sullivan St was read & referred to the Watch Committee

[339] The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Cornelius Ray & others Reported

That the Avenues & Streets described in the said petition, have been regularly opened agreably to law—and the assessments thereon have been due since 27th October last. That great part of the money has been collected and a part of the awards and expenses have been paid. He therefore presumes that it would be improper to grant the indulgence requested

Sig^{d} Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb St Comss^{r}

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments on which Warrants were ordered to be issued to the several collectors for collecting the same

viz Assessment for regulating Cannon St
D^{o} " opening Ninth Avenue
D^{o} " regulating Murray St
D^{o} " D^{o} Washington St from N Moore to near Canal St
D^{o} " a Well & Pump in Bayard St

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments which were severally confirmed viz

Assessment for a Well & Pump in the Bowery near Vauxhall
D^{o} for Well & Pump in Crosby Street
D^{o} for D^{o} D^{o} " Orange Street

[340] in each of which Wiatt Munson was appointed Collec^{r}

also corrected assessments, (those confirmed on 23^{d} Sep^{r} having

been incorrect) for paving Laight St from Greenwich to Varick St & For paving Varick St from N. Moore to Laight St in each of which Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for widening and paving the sidewalks in Fulton St, which was laid for further consideration

The Street Commissioner also on the Petition for paving part of Greenwich St presented a report in favor of the prayer of the petition, and presented an ordinance agreably thereto, directing said Street to be regulated and paved from near Charlton to Hamersly St, which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

The Counsel agreably to order presented a Memorial & correspondent Bill to the Legislature on the subject of the scite for a Market at Beekman Slip which was laid for consideration

He also agreably to directions presented a Law relating to Wharfage, and a Law respecting Weights & Measures which [341] were ordered to lie for further consideration

The Attorney of the Board on the Petition of Alexander Kilpatrick Reported

That a judgment has been recovered against the said Kilpatrick in two different recognizances entered into by him, one in the sum of $250—that one John Lambert a vagrant should leave the State of New York—the other in the sum of $50 that one Ellen Mode a vagrant should likewise leave the said City of New York—That both of said recognizances have been forfeited by said vagrants returning to the City within the time limited. He has not been able to ascertain whether the said Kilpatrick or any other person for him has received any indemnity for entering into said recognizances but has been informed that he was prevailed upon to enter into the same by two Marshalls who attended the Police—but that their interference in behalf of the said Vagrants, and what they did in the business was entirely unknown to the Magistrates

That he has been informed that the said Marshalls or one of them did receive some article or property from the said Lambert, but for what purpose, whether as an indemnity in part or as an inducement to them to procure surety for him he is not able to say

[342] The affidavit of John M^{c}Manus is explanatory of his former affidavit annexed to the petition of the said Kilpatrick

Sig^{d} A · Sherman

Whereupon it was resolved that the subject be referred to the Attorney to remit, on payment of costs if in his opinion proper

The Attorney also presented a Report on the subject of the Petition of Thomas Hazard & George B Raymond which was read & laid for consideration

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engᵉ Nº 40

Oliver Secord,	House Carpenter	116 Elizabeth St	8th	Wᵈ
Vice John Post	Dº	resigᵈ		
Robert McTarran	Dº	22 Crosby St	6	"
Vice James G Reynolds	Dº	resigᵈ		

Nº 6

Nathan Whitehead, White smith 115 Orange St 6th " Vice Joseph Pettit resigᵈ

The Comptroller on the Petition of Burdett Stryker Reported That In a late interview with Mr Stryker he promised to pay Two hundred Dollars immediately to the collector of the Revenue, the like sum about the 1st November next On the 1st of February the Quarterly amount [343] with the additional sum of $100, and would probably be able to pay the whole by the 1st of May next; Owing to ill health for some years past, he became in arrears, but as he has recovered, and wishes to hold the property and is desirous of discharging the debt as speedily as possible, the Board will determine on the propriety of acceeding or not to his proposed terms. The Lot at Brooklyn he'd by him, were taken possession of, under the Sherriff of Kings County on the 28th August last in behalf of the Corporation and still remain in that state

Sigᵈ G N Bleecker Compr

Whereupon Resolved that the proposition of Mr Striker be acceded to & that time be given to him for payment of the sum due on his paying the costs which have accrued

The Comptroller on the Petition of Hicks & Titus reported That It appears that the original entry on the Book, of a Store and Lot of ground the corner of Market & Water Street is $4500. The person employed by the assessors to make a transcript, by mistake added a cypher to this amount, and being so returned by them, the calculation of tax was made accordingly. This case differs from one, where an applicant for redress complains of an excessive valuation of property,

arrising from an opinion as to the real value thereof. The Law prescribes [344] a remedy for an error of this kind, by allowing ten days for all persons interested, to examine the Books, and appeal for redress to the assessors. But where the assessment is manifestly regular and could not be called in question, the mistake in copying ought not in justice to operate unfavorably to the applicants.

The Collector should be instructed to receive the tax on the amount assessed and return the remainder in the list of deficiencies. The difference will not produce an encrease of percentage on the ward the next year making only a fractional part of half a cent in an hundred Dollars; and the return of error need not indeed be included among the charges

From a full view of the subject the above observations are respectfully submitted

G N Bleecker Compr

Which was approved

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Thos Connolly occpt & owr		3 Cross St
Elizabeth Shrader Do	Do	5 Do "
T L Clarkson	owr	Broadway
G S Mumford	owr	Do
Elbert Anderson	owr	Do
Jas Morris owr Wm Cruikshank Agent		Do
John McLean	owr	Do
[345] John & Peter Jay Munro owrs		Broadway
Jas Morris owr Wm Cruikshank Agt		Do
A N Vanhorn	owr	Do
Henr White owr Wm Cruikshank agt		Do
Wm Hunter	owr	Lombardy St
Beguin	Lessee	Crosby "
Thos Oliver	owr	96 Water "

Which were passed

The Committee on the Petition of N McVickar Reported. That they have duly considered the subject and are fully of opinion that it would be improper to remove the Well, but would recommend that the Superintendent of Repairs be instructed to have the Pump removed out to the edge of the side walk, and that Mr McVickar be permitted to have the Pump placed either above or below its present

situation in front of his own Lot, if it will suit him better provided he will pay for the extra expense attending it

(Sigd) Thos R Smith
William Stone
Jno McComb St Comssr

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition for continuing Rivington St from Cannon St to the River Reported That they have considered the subject and are of opinion that the request is reasonable & proper [346] they therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Street Commissioner present an ordinance for that purpose

Sigd Reuben Munson
Thos Cooper
Jno McComb St Comssr

Which was approved

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of the York & Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company Reported That they have duly considered the several propositions to the Corporation by the York & Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company and are of opinion that it will not answer any valuable purpose to the Corporation to purchase the Steam Boats from the Company nor to give them liberty to run but one Steam Boat with sail and row boats, but they would rather suggest the propriety of an encrease of the personal Toll to twelve & a half cents and to decrease their rent to $1500 until the further order of the Board, which is all the relief your Committee think proper to recommend under present circumstances

(Sigd) Peter Conrey
J Mapes

Whereupon Resolved that that part of the Report recommending the encrease of the personal toll to twelve & a half cents [347] be approved, but as to the proposed reduction of the rent the Board do not agree thereto

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of the number of Printers to be employed by the Board reported

That they have taken the same into consideration, and have agreed to recommend to the Board to continue their subscriptions to only four of the papers now employed; which shall be two morning and two Evening Prints—the price to be $150 per annum, which shall include all advertisements from every Department attached to the

Corporation and particularly those from the Street Commissioners Office which heretofore have been a separate charge & the last 6 months have amounted to $250 & for the year would be at least as much more

At a time like the present when taxes are paid with great difficulty, & when a retrenchment of expenses is looked for with eagerness & ought certainly to be expected, it may not be amiss to show what may be saved in this small item of public expenditures

There are now employed 6 Printers @ 150		900
Extra advertizing in 3 of these say		500
		1400
as now proposed there would be 4 Printers @ $150	600	
no extra printing to be paid for	000	
		600
Making a clear saving to the public of pr Annm		$800

[348] the further advantage of the Street Commissioners advertisements in four instead of three papers

Your Committee have had communication either directly or indirectly with the several Printers, some having agreed to the terms stated; others have declined; the result is that they respectfully propose the following to be henceforth the only papers employed by the Common Council, viz

The National Advocate	Morning
" Mercantile Advertizer	Papers
" Columbian	Evening
" Commercial Advertizer	Papers

And that the Comptroller be instructed to take the necessary step for carrying the same into effect

(Sigd) Thos R Smith
Reuben Munson
Wm AlBurtis

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of Jabez Thompson, Reported, That having viewed said premises are fully of opinion that no material injury can be sustained either to the public or individuals & therefore recommend that the prayer of said Petitioner be granted

Sigd Reuben Munson
Thomas Cooper

Which was approved

[349] The Committee on the Petition of Rebecca Blakely Reported —That "upon investigation and from certificates of very respectable Citizens respecting the value of a lot situated in Fayette Street and purchased by order of this Board do recommend one hundred and fifty Dollars to be added to the sum already given

(Sig^{d}) John Brown
A L Underhill
Arthur Burtis

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for payment of the same

The Committee on Wharves &^{c} presented the following

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips beg leave to recommend to the Board, That the superintendent of repairs be directed to repair the Bridge or Bridges, on the Old Wharf at the South side of Dey Street Slip, or Basin, & to connect the same to new wharf, now or lately erected by order of the Corporation

(Sig^{d}) Peter Conrey
A H Lawrence

Which was approved and the Superintendent of repairs directed to carry the same into effect

The Comptroller presented the following

[350] The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that agreably to their resolutions on the 23^{d} Septem^{r} and 7th June authorizing the Committee of Finance to dispose of a certificate of United States Stock of $29 903.78 for the purpose of redeeming Bills of credit at the City Bank, the same has been effected in the following manner, On the 27th Sep^{r} a sale was made of $10000 @ 90. p^{r} Ct. The 14th Ins^{t} $10000 @ 92¾ p^{r} Ct. on the 17th $3088^{3}⁄$_{100}$ @ 93½ p^{r} Ct. and on the 18th $6815.44 @ 93 p^{r} Ct. making a net amount paid into the Treasury of $27432.22 of this sum there has been expended $27324.32 towards the redemption of Corporation Bills. As it is probable there will be wanting additional advances for this purpose in a short time, and many claims yet unsatisfied require an augmentation of cash in the Treasury, it is respectfully recommended that the Committee of Finance be authorized to sell when they may think proper, such portions of the U S Stock deposited with the Treasurer as in their judgment will most promote the public interest

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Whereupon it was Resolved that the Committee of Finance be authorized to sell from time to time, when they shall think proper

such portions of the U S 6 p^{r} Ct Stock deposited with the Treasurer not exceeding [351] Forty thousand Dollars as in their judgment shall appear proper provided such stock be not sold at less than at 93 p^{r} Ct.

A Resolution directing a Law to be reported forbidding Swine to run at large, was presented and laid on the Table

The following Resolution was presented and passed—Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs be authorized to cause a new cornice gutter to be put up on the old Alms House provided the occupants pay the expense

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the Petition of Leonard Fisher, Reported That they think under all circumstances that it would be advisable to grant a lease to M^{r} Fisher for the piece of ground, at the rate of $40 per annum for the term of ten Years from the 1st May last, when the rent is to commence

Should the Board sanction this recommendation the Counsel will be empowered to prepare the usual conveyance

Sig^{d} Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb St Comss^{r}
G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Which was approved & the Counsel was directed to draught the necessary conveyance

[352] A Member stating that he had some confidential matter to communicate

the Doors were closed

The Common Council not acting upon the subject matter communicated

the Doors were opened

M^{r} Akerly called up the Resolution presented by him on 12th August last for the removal of D^{r} Gilbert Smith as Physician Surgeon Apothecary & Accoucheur of the Alms House Goal & Bridewell

A Motion was made that the Board adjourn, The Board being equally divided thereon, His Honor the Mayor gave his casting vote in the negative

The question being then taken on the Resolution and a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative 10

M^{r} Recorder Alder^{n} Conrey Burtis Munson Mess^{rs} Brown Stone M^{c}Queen Akerly Thorp Cooper

Negative 8

Alder^{n} Coles Mapes Lawrence Smith Fish Mess^{rs} Lorillard Underhill Tallman

The Recorder then presented a law entitled "A Law in relation to the appointment & duties of Physicians & Surgeons to the [353] Alms House & Penitentiary Goal & Bridewell" which was read by paragraphs and passed

The Board then proceeded to elect by ballot a person to act as attending Physician & Surgeon to the Alms House & Penitentiary when on counting the ballots it appeared that there were for Dr Felix Pascalis 9 votes for Dr Smith 6 votes—for Dr Sykes 2 votes & for Dr Jacqes 1 vote

There not being a majority of votes for either of the Candidates the Board proceeded to a second Ballot when Dr Pascalis had 8 votes Dr Smith 4 votes Dr Sykes 3 votes Dr Jacques 3 votes Dr De Pugh 1 vote Dr T Van Beuren 1 vote

There still being no majority for either candidate, the Board then proceeded to elect by Ballot a person to fill the office of Attending Physician & Surgeon to the City Prison & Goal—When upon counting the Ballots it appeared that Dr Richard L Walker had ten votes, and was declared duly elected

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$13598.02
Warrants not presented	3567.63
	10030.39

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	645.75
[354] Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brown Do	339.50
Jacob Radcliff Esqr 1 Qr Salry 18th Inst	1750.
John McComb St Comssr 1 Qr 12th Inst	500.
L Hamersly & S McCounick assessors 1st Wd	126.50
J Ronalds & S Leggett Do 2d "	140.
H Tallman & N C Griffith Do 3d "	150.
W Whitlock & J *Hill* [Hall] Do 4 "	132.50
T Campbell & G Sutton Do 5th "	142.25
A Clark & A Baudouine Do 6th "	125.
M M Titus & D Lyon Do 7th	100.
J Emmons & *P* [J] P Roome Do 8th	117.
J Hyatt & J Horn Do 9th	205.
J Hunt & W Howell Do 10th	105.
Wm Green trimming & alterg Blinds Govrs Room	19.25
J Dowe Carg hire Road Comee	12.50
Office Columbian advertizg fr St Comssr	11.

T Dunning Collecr 9th Wd balc due for Tax	791.86
Wm Butler repairs Pumps 2 5 8th Wards	70.67
John McCombs Do 7th Do	50.12
Henry Brush Do 7 Do	43.50
M Reid 1st Instlmt Well Pump Leonard St	90.89
Joel West 1 Barrl Spts Turpentine for Lamps	23.43
R Munson Esqr Chn Bellevue Comee for 1 Avenue	500.
John Randall Jr Acct Surveys	500.
Wm Jacobs Award opens Chapel St	1100.
Archd Smyth Acct pavs Chapel St	100.
Thos Boyle paving intersections	54.56
Jas Meghan Do	51.12
John Culbert Do	24.75
Henry Allen repairing Bulk Head Catharine Slip & Market Slip	153. 9
[355] O Waldron Overseer Roads 1 Mo 1 Inst	238.62
Jas Felthousen balc Well & Pump N Moore St	66.50
Thos Scott acct pavs Fair St	150.
C Mooney balc pavs Leonard St	126.78
M Reid 2d Instlmt Well & Pump State St	85.45
Barker & Hopkins for 19 Casks Oil	1988.30
Wm & G Post Glass for Lamp Depmt	81.
J Halsey plank for bridges at Vesey & Partition Slip	407.72
Peter Fenton Pine Logs for Docks	244.12
A Smyth Acct regulating Washington St	1200.
John Bailey Acct paving Chatham Park	500.
H Smith acct Do Peck Slip St	320.
C Mooney Do Do Elm St	153.84
M Reid Balc Well & Pump Third St	120.34
M Reid Do Do Do Norfolk St	81.
E Ginnings Acct 3d avenue	3000.
John B Murray Award for 8th avenue	4800.
Robt Latimer Acct Road 8th Do	500.
Aaron Bussing posts & Rails fences 8th avenue	272.11
J McComb St Comssr, fees opening 125 St	507.43
John Stanford Bond & Interest	6912.75
Saml Jones Jr Do Do	1868.85
Silas Lord Int on 3 Bonds to 18th Inst	730.63
A W Hardenbrook Acct Engines	1500.
Jacob P Roome Supdt Reprs for Engn Houses &c	2000.
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
J Morton to pay for index 20th volm minutes	60.
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	$

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight 12 o'clock at Bellevue for quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Penitentiary

[356] In Common Council Nov^{r} 5th 1816

The Board met at Bellevue agreably to adjournment

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen.	Peter Augustus Jay	Assistants.
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter Conrey		John Brown	
Thomas R Smith		William Stone	
William AlBurtis		Robert M^{c}Queen	
George Buckmaster		Samuel Akerly	
Nicholas Fish		George B Thorp	
Arthur Burtis		John H Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

An application of William Bakewell for permission to construct a Vault in Fulton Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Memorial of W^{m} Boyd complaining of persons erecting piles of Boards to the height of 30 feet adjacent to his premises which he considered dangerous in case of fires, was read & referred to the Chief Engineer.

[357] A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Harlæm praying that 122^{d} Street may be opened from 3^{d} Avenue to Harlæm River and a Remonstrance of James Bogert against the same, were read & referred to the Road Committee & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Daniel Tier for a Stall in Fly market—of William Brown & Elias Deforrest, for stalls in Washington Market & of John B Smith for Stall N^{o} 3 Catharine Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee to report. A Petition of Samuel White to be permitted to exchange Stall N^{o} 10 in Washington Market now occupied by him for Stall N^{o} 28 in same Market lately held by his brother Thomas White deceased was read and referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition

A Petition that Rivington Street may be regulated from the Bowery to Columbia Street was read & referred to the St Comss^{r}

A Petition that the Lamps may be encreased in Hudson St, and a Petition for Lamps near corner of Lewis & Stanton St, were read & referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition for a Well corner of Lewis & Stanton St was read & referred to the Alder^{n} & assistant [358] of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report ordinances therefor

An Account of David Robertson for services as Keeper of the Penitentiary was presented & referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Abraham Vermilyea stating that supposing Eliza Kline the Widow of Leonard Kline deceased had the authority to sell Stall N° 1 Washington Market formerly held by her Husband he had agreed to purchase the same for the sum of $1500 that he had paid on account $700, that being now informed she has no right to sell the same he has offered to give up his agreement on return of the money paid by him, which she refuses to do & threatens to sell the same to some other person and praying the interference of the Common Council—A Letter from Robert Seaman confirming the representation of Vermilyea and a Memorial from Elizabeth Kline praying the Common Council to compel said Vermilyea to fulfill his agreement with her, were read & referred to the Market Committee

A Note was received from John Pintard Secretary of the Academy of the Arts enclosing [359] to each Member of the Board a complimentary free Ticket of admission to the collection of Paintings &c of the Academy until the 12th May 1817

A Petition of Helena Deas was presented stating that on 23d Jany 1808 her Husband James Deas conveyed the House & Lot of ground in Fair St upon trust for Euphemia Peters & Jane Reed, in which deed the Petitioner did not join and is therefore entitled to her dower in the Premises—that part of said Lot was taken for the improvement of Fair Street. That the assessors allowed to Euphemia Peter who was entitled to a life estate in one third $464.67 to Jane Reed who was entitled to two thirds of the property $1294.10 and the sum of $182.37 to the Heirs of Euphemia Peter or to those entitled to the reversion of her one third—that Petitioner not knowing of the time of making the assessment made no claim of her right and no allowance was made to her and praying the aid of the Board in the premises, whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel & St Comssr

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants praying that a law may be passed prohibiting Swine from running at large in the City was read and laid for consideration

[360] A Petition of Alexander Killpatrick was read stating that the Common Council did lease for the term of 21 Years Lot N° 3 Elm St to James McDonald That said McDonald with permission of the Common Council assigned said lease to Thomas McKinley and said McKinley has assigned to Petitioner & praying the Common Council to confirm McKinleys assignment and to permit petitioner to assign

to Richard Tagart—Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hose Compy No 1.

Ezekiel J Moore Mercht 152 Chatham St 6th Wd Vice James N Hyde resigd

Engn Compy No 26

James Hoyt Carpenter 131 Lombardy St 7th Wd Vice William Nichols resigd

James Palmer Grocer Suffolk St 8 Wd Vice John Buckley resigd

No 28

Jibbert Brundage Grocer James St 4th Wd Vice John Welsh resigd

No 38

David Robison, Inn Keeper, Rose Hill 9th Wd Vice John Hegeman resigd

[361] The Street Commissioner presented a description of property belonging to Delinquents on assessments for sundry avenues and Streets, agreably to a Report furnished by the late Counsel of the Board

Whereupon Ordered that the said Report be filed in the office of the Street Commissioner and that he proceed immediately to advertise the same for sale for a term of years agreably to law

Mr Jay presented the following Resolution

Resolved that in cases where Streets or avenues shall not have been opened until more than months after the assessments shall have been confirmed this Corporation will exact no interest upon the sums assessed upon Individuals for the benefit received by them from the opening such streets or avenues except from the time when such street or avenue shall be opened opposite to the ground of the Individual so assessed

The consideration of which was postponed

The following communication was received from David S Jones late Counsel of the Board

The late Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Board that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court in the following cases. viz on the enlarging and [362] *and* improving of Cliff Stret; on the opening of Washington Street between Clarkson and Hamersley St, and on the opening and ex-

tending of Hudson Street from Greenwich Lane to the 9th Avenue, made Report of their estimate and assessment in these several cases to the said Supreme Court at the late term of the said Court; and that the said reports were severally confirmed—That on Cliff Street on 31st ultº & those on Washington & Hudson Stª on 24th ultº—In each of these cases the Commissioners have assessed a sum for benefits equal to the amounts awarded by them for Damages and to the expenses of the proceedings, and have assessed no part of the expense upon the Corporation

The lands and premises required for these several improvements are now vested in the Corporation, and measures may be taken by the proper officer to carry the improvements into effect as soon as may be judged proper

The undersigned has prepared and delivered to the Street Commissioner an abstract of the above mentioned estimates and assessments, And he begs leave to add that as the awards for damages will be payable in four months from the time of the confirmation of the reports respectively the collection of the assessments ought to be forthwith commenced, to enable the Board [363] to meet those payments without making advances from the public Treasury

(Sigd) D S Jones.

Which was approved and Morris DeCamp was appointed collector upon the assessments for Washington Street & Cliff Street—and Waite Munson was appointed collector for the assessments for Hudson Street

The Street Commissioner represented that Robert Henderson had built several Houses on Fulton St without being surveyed and has encroached 13 inches on the Street, at the corner of Cliff Street which is extremely injurious to the appearance of the Street—Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel to take the necessary legal measures in the premises

After the preceding business was transacted the Common Council proceeded to visit the Alms House & Penitentiary Establishment

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$32115.44
Warrants not presented	5895.64
	$26219.80
Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Dº	645.75
Norris & Anderson Dº	670.25
[364] Bleakley & Brower Dº	339.50

S B Romaine completing Tax Books 1816	400.
Office Evens Post Subsn fr 16 May to 22 Octr	65.
N Y Courier Do 12 Sepr " 28 "	19.31
R Stevens posting Bills	11.50
R Graves Asst St Comssr 1 Qr Salry 1 Novr	312.50
S Hutchings Depy St Comssr 1 Mo 1 Novr	54.
Jonn Weeden " " " "	54.
Jno Smith " " " "	54.
Wm J Waldron Asst City Inspr "	62.
O Ayres " " "	62.
M Crane Keepr Penitenry & 2 Assts 1 Novr	637.45
G Sickles & 2 Assts City Prison 1 Qr	350.
D H Megie Keepr Potters field 15 Sepr to 1 Novr	69.
J Astin & J Cochran Messengers 1 Mo 1 Novr	60.
A Rooke 3 Mo. Salry Signal Poles 1 Novr	82.50
G Sneethen Supts & lights lamps 1 Mo 1 Novr	575.18
T Freeborn 9 Casks Oil	580.25
Comstock & Sawyer 11 Casks Oil	576.37
Patent Oil Compy repressing 789 Galls oil	151.68
Conrad Jordan work at Lamp Posts from 5 Aug to 28th October	35.75
Helen Taylor 2 Yrs Pension due 1 May 1818	120.
J Fine & Co repairs Pump 2 5 8th wds	214.78
Jas Richardson cleans Wells 4. 6. 7. 10 wds	56.98
Dd Vn Norden blacksmith work ferry Beekman Slip	162. 6
N & H Weed 1 Qr Rent Wharf Courtldt Slip 1 Novr	75.
Jas Riker Timber for Beekman Slip	25.25
A Smyth Acct paving Laight St	800.
Jno Bailey Do Varick St	575.
A Smyth Do regulating Washington St	300.
[365] Thos & Geo Lovett Acct regulating Cannon St	300.
C Mooney balc paving Franklin St	228.
Geo Bowman balc for Frankfort St Drain	128. 6
Thos Corbley Acct paving Bancker St	120.
Thos Scott Do Fair St	100.
Thos Scott balc Do Pearl St	88.20
Hugh Smith balc pavg Peck Slip	63.47
R Moran paving Intersections	19. 6
Wm Kay repaving in Mulberry St	5.35
Jas Vincent filling Lots at Collect of D Lynch	276.25
Thos R Smith Esqr Chn Sub Comee Gas lights	1000.
J P Roome Supdt Reprs for Engine Houses	1000.
Rebecca Blakely additional allowance for Lot of ground Fayette St for Engs House	150.
W Fish City Treasr to pay 17 Divd City Stock 1 Inst	10500.
R Furman Superintendent Alms House	3500.
	$
	$

After the preceding business was transacted the Common Council proceeded to visit the Alms House and Penitentiary Establishment

The Board then adjourned to meet tomorrow evening at the Council Chamber at Six o clock

[366] In Common Council Nov^{r} 6th 1816

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor Pres^{dt}
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen.	Peter A Jay	Assistants.
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Augustine H Lawrence		Anthony L Underhill	
Peter Conrey		John Brown	
Thomas R Smith		William Stone	
William AlBurtis		Robt McQueen	
George Buckmaster		Samuel Akerly	
Arthur Burtis		George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson		John H Talman	
		Thomas Cooper	

The reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with

A Memorial from William Banton Proprietor of the Camera Obscura, inviting the Members of the Common Council to visit the same was read and laid on the table

A Request from Joseph Skinner to construct a vault in Fulton St and of Lynch & Clark to construct one in Broad St, were read & referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Request of W^{m} L Symers for remission [367] of a penalty incurred by not filling in a Lot agreably to an ordinance, was read & referred to the Attorney to report a statement of facts

A Petition of Tho^{s} S Clarkson and sundry owners of Lots on Broadway between Canal & Anthony St praying that an ordinance which has lately passed directing the owners to fence in those Lots may for reasons stated in said Petition be rescinded—Was read & referred to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector

An Application in behalf of Aaron Kimball for appointment to the office of weigh master, was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Garrit Sickles Keeper of the City prison, praying for reasons therein stated, an encrease of his salary—was read & referred, together with the Petitions of John J Westervelt & Josiah Shippey J^{r} (heretofore referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House) to Alder^{n} Smith Alder^{n} Lawrence M^{r} Ackerly

The City Inspector presented ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

[368] G B Abeel	owr	55	Augustus St
Sam Thompson	occpt		
Same	owr	53	D°
Tho^{s} M^{c}Guire	occpt		
Ab K Beekman	owr	209	Hester
Gerred Beekman	agent		
Same	owr	211	D°
Same	agent		
Geo Lorillard	owr	120	Anthony
Cha^{s} M^{c}Carty	owr		Walnut
Dan^{l} Austen David Andrews	owrs	126	Fly Market
W^{m} & H Bradford	owrs	128	D°
Ja^{s} Cockcroft	owr	130	D°
Jn° Disbrow	owr	1	N Moore
Sam^{l} Hutchings	occp^{t}		
Same	owr	5	D°
M^{rs} Kline	occp		
Same	owr	5	D°
Coe Gale	occp^{t}		
Same	owr	7	D°
Jn° A Cossart	occp^{t}		
Same	occp^{t} & owr	9	D°
Andrew Stockholm	owr		Little water St
Jn° Bogert	owr		D°
Estate Jn° Lawrence deceas^{d}			Elm St
Gabriel V Ludlow	agent		
Jn° Brown	owr	72	Bancker
Ann Davis	occp^{t}		
Archer Dunlap	owr	86	D°
Hu Moubry	occp^{t}		
[369] Jn° Brown	owr	74	Bancker St
Michael Clark	occpt		
Jn° Dixon	owr	122	Anthony St
Tho^{s} Graham	occp^{t}		
Charles M^{c}Carty Ex^{r} W^{m} Low.		73	Catharine St
John Ryan & Kelly	occpts		
W^{m} M^{c}Laughlin	occp^{t} & owr	94	Bancker
Charles M^{c}Carty Ex^{r} Jn° M^{c}Gee	occpt	68	D°

Jacob Cannon	owr	63	Bancker
Rich[d] Edmonds	occp[t]		
Ja[s] Dobbins	owr	95	D[o]
R[t] B Gordon	occp[t]		
W[m] Lambert	owr	99	D[o]
Jn[o] Huen	occp[t]		
Dan[l] Phillips	owr	76	Pump
Matthias M[c]Manus	occp		
Jn[o] Dixon	owr	122	Anthony
Tho[s] Graham	occp[t]		
Ja[s] Labarro	occp[t] & owr	78	Bancker
Dennis O Donnell	Lessee & occp[t]	85	D[o]
W[m] Lambert	owr & occp[t]	101	D[o]
Pat[c] Cannon	D[o] D[o]	80	D[o]

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented a corrected list of Delinquents on sundry assessments which was ordered to be filed, and the Street Commissioner directed to advertise the property agreably to law

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Rivington St from Cannon [370] to Goerck St and for a Well & Pump in Reed St between Church & Broadway—which were passed and James H Guion Abraham Bloodgood & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors, in the former, and Ab[m] Bloodgood Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors in the latter

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents upon the assessment for widening Chapel St and upon the assessment for regulating & paving Chapel St from near Leonard to Lespinard St—Whereupon warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the sums due thereon.

The Street Commissioner informed the Common Council that a number of Articles, that have been found incumbering the Wharves & Streets (owners unknown) have been sent to the Bridewell Yard—where some have lain for a considerable time and are in a state of decay—viz 112 Barr[ls] of Turpentine sent there by Isaac Burr Harbour master, the Barrels are falling to pieces

3 Logs Mahogany
2 Loads Hoop Poles
2 Iron cannon (3 pounders)
1 large iron cylinder for Steam Engine
1 Anchor

[371] And one anchor that has been in the yard for at least 14 Years.

He would respectfully suggest the propriety of their being advertised for a reasonable time, that the owners may have an opportunity of claiming them, and if not that they be sold at auction and the proceeds placed in the Treasury. (Sig[d]) Jn[o] M[c]Comb S[t] Comss[r]

Which was approved and the articles directed to be advetized. & sold as recommended

The Street Commissioner reported that as the legal objections to opening & regulating Washington St were now removed he presented and ordinance for that purpose, which was read, passed and James H Guion. Ab[m] Bloodgood & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors—therein

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for filling & regulating Hudson St from Laight to Spring St which was confirmed & Morris De Camp appointed Collector

The Committee on the Petition of Peter Ogilvie & others reported. That they have examined the subject & find the facts as stated to be true, as this Well has been built under the direction of the Corporation, and regularly assessed & paid for. it would be [372] extremely hard that the proprietors in the vicinity should have to rebuild it at their expense

Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend that it be rebuilt at the charge of the Corporation.

Sig[d] Reuben Munson
Thomas Cooper
Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

Which was approved

The Comptroller reported on the Petition of Alex[r] Kilpatrick soliciting the consent of the Board to the assignment of a lease granted to James M[c]Donald for a lot of ground N[o] 3 Elm Street, by him assigned to Thomas M[c]Kinley on the 24 Sep[r] 1811 by permission of the Corporation. and which was conveyed to the Petitioner by said Thomas M[c]Kinley on the 18[th] March last without obtaining the sanction of the Common Council He also wishes leave to transfer the said Lease to Richard Targart for the residue of the term

As the rent has been paid to the 1 Inst it is respectfully recommended, that the Board confirm the conveyance to the petitioner, and also give permission to him to assign the lease to Rich[d] Targart

Which was agreed to (Sig[d]) G N Bleecker Comp[r]

[373] The Ferry Committee on the proposition of Commodore Lewis to sell a piece of land opposite to Horns Hook presented a Report which was read and referred back to the same Committee, with the addition of the Counsel, to make further report thereon

The Committee on the Petition of William Cooper Reported That they have duly considered the subject and find that Mr Cooper was assessed $7 for the Well in Pell St which was built about 3 years since. that lately a Well has been sunk in Bayard St much nearer his Lot for which he has been assessed $12. But your Committee are of opinion that it would not be proper to release Mr Cooper from his assessment, inasmuch as he has had the use of the Well in Pell St for three years, & in case of fire would now be of great use to him

Sigd Wm Alburtis
Robt McQueen

which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of James Lynch in behalf of Dominick Lynch Reported That after having attentively examined the Lots in question your committee is of opinion that no injury can possibly arise to Mr Lynch from persevering in the course adopted by [374] the Corporation by filling in with good earth his Lots on the eastern side of the Canal to the level that a part is already raised to. That that part of the City will be much improved by such a measure and a consequent rise of Mr Lynch's property will take place

(Sigd) Wm AlBurtis
Robert McQueen
Jno McComb St Comssr
George Cumming Cy Inspr

Which was approved

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captns Webb Andrews Meldrum Hunley, Osborn Rockwell Williamson Tuttle, Chase, Newcomb & Burgess incurred by neglecting to report passengers agreably to law

The Counsel presented a grant to the people of the State of New York for a Water Lot in front of the State Prison which was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel agreably to order presented the Draft of a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill to be enacted into a law corresponding therewith to authorize the corporation to take possession of certain lands for a scite for a market at Beekman Slip, which were read [375] Aldern Smith then presented the following Resolution Resolved

that the law drawn by the Counsel of the Board in relation to the contemplated market at Beekman Slip be so amended as to authorize the Commissioners if approved by the Corporation to assess so much of the expense attending the same on all persons whose property in the opinion of the Commissioners may have been enhanced in value by reason of the proposed establishment of the said Market

The question being taken thereon it passed in the negative—It was then moved that the Board reconsider the vote just taken which was carried in the affirmative and the Counsel was directed to add the same to the proposed Bill. The question was then taken on the memorial and Bill as amended and a Division having been called by Alder^{n} Coles it was carried in the affirmative in the manner following

Affirmative 17 Alder^{n} Mapes Lawrence Conrey, Smith AlBurtis Buckmaster Burtis Mess^{rs} Jay Lorillard Underhill Brown. Stone M^{c}Queen Akerly Thorp & Tallman

Negative 3 Alder^{n} Coles Munson M^{r} Cooper

The Memorial was directed to be duly authenticated and together with the proposed Bill to be transmitted immediately to the Legislature now in session at Albany

[376] The Alderman and assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for regulating and paving Sixth Street between Rivington & Stanton Street reported in favor of the same, which was approved and the Street Commissioner directed to report an ordinance therefor

It having been proposed to employ Benj^{n} Hicks & George Mills late assistants of the Board of Health for the purpose of visiting the various parts of the City during the Winter and to give the necessary directions for cleansing the same, the subject was referred to the following committee, and in the mean time said Hicks & Mills to be considered in the employ of this Board as from the first of October last, and until further order to be under the direction of the City Inspector and Attorney. Committee Alder^{n} Buckmaster Alder^{n} Coles M^{r} M^{c}Queen & the City Inspector

On motion of Alder^{n} Mapes it was referred to the following Committee, to consider and make the necessary arrangements as to the time when the opening of Cliff Street shall commence and also [377] when the Tenants of the Houses to be removed for that improvement shall give up possession, & what compensation they shall make for the occupation of the same Committee Alder^{n} Mapes Alder^{n} Conrey M^{r} Stone & St Commissioner

On Motion of M^{r} Jay. Resolved that the Commissioners of the

Alms House & Bridewell report at the next meeting of the Board upon the letters complaining of the treatment of certain prisoners in the City prison, which have heretofore been referred to them

A Letter from Alder[n] Fish on the subject of M[r] Randell's contract respecting the elevation of the monuments to designate the boundaries of Avenues Streets &[c] was read and laid for consideration

On Motion of Alder[n] Burtis the Street Commissioner, was directed to call upon the Commissioners of Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court on the opening of Varick Street and enquire of them the progress which they have made in said business and report at the next meeting of the Board

[378] M[r] Akerly moved that the Board now proceed to elect a Physician Surgeon &[c] for the Alms House & Penitentiary, A motion was then made that the Board adjourn which was lost. The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill that office, when on counting the ballots it appeared that D[r] Felix Pascalis had 10 votes D[r] Zebulon *Smith* [Seaman] 7 votes D[r] John Francis 3 votes—His Honor the Mayor then stated to the Board that he did not consider the Rule of the Common Council N° 4 which directs " That the President shall not vote in any case unless the Board be equally divided " as applying to a vote by ballot—That he considered the Mayor under the charter as a Member of the Board, and as such, and also by the Rule of the Common Council N° 19, entitled to a vote in the appointment of officers, and that tho' in this instance he should not insist upon giving his vote he did not consider himself as thereby relinquishing his right to vote

The Board then proceeded to a second Ballot when D[r] Seaman having 9 votes and D[r] Felix Pascalis having 11 votes, which was a majority of the members present D[r] Pascalis was declared duly elected

The Committee on the Petition for opening Harman St Reported That they have duly considered the subject and are fully [379] of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take legal measures to have said improvement carried into effect

Public notice having been given that an application has been made for opening said Street and no objections made thereto

(Sig[d]) G Buckmaster
Samuel Akerly
Jn° M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to take the necessary legal measures for carrying the same into effect

A Request of the Bible society to be accomodated with a Room in the old Alms House for the monthly meeting of said Society—was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House with authority to act in the premises, and grant one of their own Rooms

It having been stated by one of the Members that Mr J Griscomb had requested him to inform the Board that he was willing to relinquish the Room in the old Alms House which had been assigned to him It was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House to make the requisite arrangements with Mr Griscomb upon the subject

[380] Special Meeting In Common Council Novr 9th 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen.	Peter A Jay	Assistants.
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard	
Peter Conrey		Anthony L Underhill	
Thomas R Smith		John Brown	
William AlBurtis		William Stone	
George Buckmaster		Robert McQueen	
Arthur Burtis		Samuel Akerly	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had this day received a Letter from Mr John T Irving one of the Members from this City attending the Legislature now in Session at Albany enclosing to him a report made by the Comptroller of the State to the Legislature; in consequence of which upon the recommendation of two of the Aldermen he had summoned the Board together for the purpose of taking the same into consideration and to adopt such measures as they shall judge the circumstances of the case may require. The Letter from Mr Irving was as follows.

J Radcliff Es Sir Albany Novr 8th 1816

I enclose to you a communication [381] from the Comptroller, which materially concerns the interests of the Corporation of our City Should the consideration of this document be pressed upon us at this time, you will perceive the necessity of furnishing our delegation with such facts as can be urged to prevent the depriving us of a fund so very essential to our interests, and which must so largely contribute to the support of the poor amongst us.

(Sigd) Jno T Irving

The Report of the Comptroller was as follows

In Assembly Nov[r] 6 1816

Communication from the Comptroller

State of New York

Comp[rs] Office Albany Nov 6 1816

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a communication to the Hon[l] the Legislature, and am with very great respect Sir &c

Sig[d] Arch[d] M[c]Intyre

The Hon David Woods
Speaker of the assembly

State of New York

Comptrollers Office

The subjects mentioned in this communication are of so much importance, that the Comptroller has deemed it his duty to submit them to the immediate consideration of the Hon. the Legislature without waiting the regular period for making his annual Report

[382] By an act of the Legislature passed 4[th] April 1798 on[e] third of the duties to arise on sales at public auction in the City of New York, were appropriated for the support of foreign poor in that City; and the money thus appropriated has ever since, in pursuance of that act and of subsequent acts, continuing the provision in force, been regularly paid in quarter yearly payments, to the Chamberlain of said City.

The following statement shews the sums annually paid for that object viz

In	1798	$2.593.52
	1799	15.155.42
	1800	15,872.42
	1801	26.141.93
	1802	22711.68
	1803	18822.80
	1804	16515.69
	1805	14819.48
	1806	17116.52
	1807	24992.13
	1808	23906.33
	1809	26803.14
	1810	30096.19
	1811	43480.23
	1812	36699.12
	1813	52022.32

In	1814	$33336.83
	1815	32455.85
	1816	72705.89
making an aggregate of		$526252.49

[383] As there is good reason to believe that one half of this large sum has not been expended for the support of foreign poor in the City of New York, it is respectfully suggested for the consideration of the Honorable the Legislature, whether the provision, in justice to the State ought not now to be repealed; inasmuch as the amount already paid to the City, must have been sufficient to cover, not only the actual expenses incurred for the support of foreign poor, but also for the creation of an ample fund for their future and permanent support, if properly invested. for admitting one half the amount paid to the City to have been expended for said object, yet the annual revenue from the other half, if invested so as to produce an interest of seven per cent per ann^{m} would be $18418.84.

By the eighth section of the "act to regulate sales by auction and to prevent stock jobbing" all goods damaged at sea and sold for the benefit of the owners or insurers within twenty days after they are landed, under the inspection of the Wardens of the Port of New York, or of Inspectors appointed for the purpose at places other than the City of New York, are now exempted from duties to the state. As it is well known that these sales are almost exclusively made for the benefit of the underwriters in England it is submitted whether goods so sold, ought not to be subjected to the like duties to the State as [384] *as* other foreign goods are

The fifth section of the act, entitled "an act directing the redemption of the lands lately sold for quit rents and further to amend the act relative to quit rents" passed april 12th 1816, appears to be defective in its provisions, and a revision thereof is therefore respectfully suggested.

By the sixth Section of the act, entitled "an act for the assessment and collection of taxes and for other purposes" passed Feb^{ry} 20th 1816 it is provided that all road Taxes which had then been authorized by law, should within six months, be paid out of the Treasury, and that the sales of lands charged with such Taxes, should be made in like manner, and after the like notice, as is provided for the sales of lands in and by the act for the assessment and collection of taxes.

This being a salutary provision, it is submitted whether it ought not to extend to all road taxes

The Mayor further stated he had thought it prudent to make an immediate reply to Mr Irvings letter which he had done, and the reply was in the words following

John T Irving Esqr N York Novr 9 1816

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge [385] the receipt of your Letter under date of yesterday inclosing the Report of the Comptroller of this State on the subject of the auction duties received by the Corporation of this City—The interest of this City being so deeply involved in this question and the ideas entertained by the Comptroller as to the appropriation of this fund and the propriety of it appearing to be so different from what I am informed is the real state of the case, I have thought it my duty to call a special meeting of the Common Council this evening in order to submit the subject to them—They will meet at 6 o Clock and no doubt will make a representation to the Legislature concerning it, which it will be impossible however to transmit to Albany until monday next—By the Steam Boat which will leave this City on that day you will receive a communication from them and in the mean time it is presumed the Legislature will not deem it proper to act on the subject especially as a measure of this kind would not be anticipated at their extra Session

I do not know that it will even be in the power of the Common Council on so short a notice to do justice to the subject on their part, and I therefore take the liberty respectfully to suggest that its importance would seem to require that they should have an opportunity to be fully heard at the usual [386] business Session of the Legislature

(Sigd) Jacob Radcliff

The Recorder also stated he had received a similar communication from Mr Lawrence of the delegation from this City—Whereupon the following Resolutions were presented by the Recorder & agreed to.

Resolved that a select Committee be appointed to prepare and transmit forthwith to our representatives in the Legislature from this City a remonstrance in behalf of this Board against diverting, the fund arising from sales at public auction, which is now applied to the support of foreign poor and that the said Committee at the same time transmit, such official documents as they may deem proper to shew the inexpediency of the contemplated measure

The Committee appointed were The Recorder Mr Jay Alden Smith Buckmaster Fish

Resolved that Alder[n] Fish. Ogden Edwards & Richard Furman be a Committee to proceed forthwith to Albany with such remonstrance & documents & to make such representations as may be [387] deemed expedient

And it was further agreed that if Alder[n] Fish should decline going to Albany that the Committee should be authorized to supply his place

The Mayor was requested to cause the necessary Documents which the Committee should deem requisite to be authenticated under the seal of the Corporation

[388] In Common Council Nov[r] 18[th] 1816

present The Hon[l] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Jonas Mapes Peter Conrey Thomas R Smith William AlBurtis George Buckmaster Arthur Burtis Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen.	Jacob Lorillard Anthony L Underhill William Stone Samuel Akerly George B Thorp John H Tallman Thomas Cooper	Assistants.

The Minutes of the three last meetings were read and approved

A Memorial of M Crane Keeper of the Penitentiary on the subject of his compensation was read & referred to Alder[n] Munson Fish Akerly

A Petition of Samuel Jones & Lemuel Pitman for remission of penalty incurred by not filling in a Lot agreably to an ordinance was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit on payment of costs

The Quarterly account of the Superintendent [389] of the Alms House from 31 July to 31 October audited by the Commissioners of the Alms House, was presented & referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Henry New Port was received stating that Captain John Alford of the Brig Flora was prosecuted for landing passengers before he had reported and given Bonds for them—that petitioner was bail for said Alford, That a Report was shortly after the arrival of the Vessel made of the passengers & bonds given for them—That Petitioner prays the fine may be remitted—Whereupon Resolved that upon payment of the costs accrued, that the penalty incurred be remitted

A Petition of John M[c]Bride for permission to construct a vault in

Liberty St was referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

The following communication from the Library Society, was read.

To the Hon^{l} the Corporation &^{c}

The Secretary of the New York Society library begs permission to submit to the Hon^{l} the Common Council the following Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the New York Society Library extracted from their minutes of the 6th Inst

"The Board taking into consideration [390] the improbability of their being able to dispose of the Library building on advantageous terms and believing that by making alterations in the lower appartments of the same, sufficient conveniencies may be provided for the benefit of the institution, at considerably less expense than can be obtained by means of the apartments granted by the Corporation therefore

Resolved that the lease obtained from the Corporation for the apartments in the Alms House, as before mentioned be surrendered, and that the Secretary request the Common Council to accept the said surrender"

In pursuance of the above Resolution the Secretary respectfully requests on the behalf of the said Trustees that the surrender of the lease may be accepted; and he feels himself warranted in assuring the Common Council, that whilst the Trustees of the Library regret the circumstances which impel them to resign the lease; they will still retain a grateful sense of the favor and patronage of the Corporation in having originally granted the same in compliance with their solicitations

(Sig^{d}) Anthony Bleecker

Whereupon Resolved that the said surrender be accepted

A Memorial from the American Academy of the Arts praying a grant of the Rooms [391] in the old Alms House lately assigned to the Library Society and by them surrendered, and a similar request from the Historical Society Also a petition from the American Bible Society, and from the Columbian Society for the use of a Room, and a memorial from Jonathan Ware for the assignment of rooms for the purpose of holding a School, on an improved plan, in the said building, were presented and referred to the Committee on arts and Sciences

A Memorial from a Committee in behalf of the Rector Wardens & Vestry of St Stephens church in this City, and a Memorial in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Epispocal Church in this

City were presented, stating, that the Cemetries or burrying places of the said Churches were materially affected by the regulations lately made respecting the laying out & opening First St, and that it is material to their interest, as the said Street is to be opened, that it be done with all convenient speed and praying that the said Street may be immediately opened at least from the first avenue to the Bowery—Whereupon it was ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Roads

A Petition of Nathan Jackson for release from a judgment obtained against him [392] for not reporting a person sick at his House, was read and ordered that he be discharged from said judgment on payment of costs incurred

A Petition from Lewis & Joseph Webb was received stating that agreably to a grant made to them they are to make one half of Clarkson St from Washington to West Street and the whole of West Street at their own expense, and praying permission to make that part of Washington Street in front of their ground between Clarkson and Le Roy St of seventy five feet on Washington St—Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

Petitions from sundry Inhabitants for the placing of Watchmen at the upper end of Elizabeth & Mott St and between Mulberry St & Mott St were read & referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Alexander Cuthill and of John B. Morris praying the reimbursement of personal taxes laid thro' mistake of the assessors upon them, were read & referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Ann Renouf to be permitted to occupy the house N° 4 Mott St (which [393] is to be removed on opening the Street) until it shall be necessary to take the same down for the opening of the Street—was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the 6th Ward & Street Commissioner—with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition of Nathaniel Moore to be permitted to sell meat at the corner of Cherry & Gouverneur Street was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of William Seger & T S Uffington assignees of Robert Henderson was read stating, that they understand that a representation was on the 5 Inst made by the Street Commissioner to the Common Council, that Robert Henderson had commenced the building of several houses in Fulton St without having the same surveyed agreably to the laws of the Corporation—that it will appear by the depositions of the builders accompanying the petition that Mr Henderson did

employ Mr Ludlum one of the sworn City Surveyors to survey the lots and that agreably to that Survey the Houses have been built—that Mr Henderson has been unfortunate in business and his property is assigned to the Petitioners for the benefit of his creditors, and praying that they may be permitted to proceed with the buildings Whereupon the same [394] was referred to the Committee on Streets & Street Commissioner, and in the mean time all proceedings were ordered to be stayed

A Request of the Board of Commissioners of the Common School fund for payment of the sum allowed to them out of the Taxes of the City, was read & referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Daniel Munson for appointment of City Measurer was read and granted

A Memorial of Eli Wadsworth was received stating that he had invented a scale Beam, termed "Graduated Scales" That it can be placed in any street without incumbring the same—that it lies level with the surface and carriages may pass over it without obstruction or injury to the scale and praying the patronage of the Corporation for the same. Whereupon Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of Abm Coddington for appointment as a Measurer of lime, was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A further petition from Wm Cooper on the subject of an assessment upon him for a [395] Well and Pump, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Memorial was received from John R Livingston stating—that in the year 1807 Petitioner received a grant from the Corporation for certain Water lots between Rivington & Stanton St—That in said grant was a covenant on the part of the Petitioner that he would make the westerly half of Goerck St and the Corporation were to make the easterly half—That through a misconstruction of the grant by the Street Commissioner he was directed to make and did make and pay for the Bulk Head and half of the Street on the Easterly side of Goerck St which by the said grant he was not bound to do—and praying reimbursement of the sum so paid by him—Whereupon ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants residing in Hubert St near the North River stating the inconvenience they sustain for the want of public Piers or Wharves to land wood and other articles, and suggesting the propriety of an application for the use of the Bridge con-

structed by the U. S. and leading to the North Battery, for the purposes aforesaid, was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves

[396] A Representation was received from the Justices of the police, that the Marshalls & Constables had been lately employed in conveying convicts to the Penitentiary for which service no compensation was allowed by law, and recommending that some provision be made in the premises, was read & referred to the Com^ee on Police

A Memorial from the New York Female assistant Society requesting further pecuniary aid was read & laid on the Table

The Attorney on the Petition of William L Simers Reported. That after the ordinance directing him to fill in his lot in Duane St, in order to remove the nuisance he Sold the same to M^r Barent Deklyne who resides on the adjoining lot M^r Deklyne states that when he purchased the said lot he knew nothing of the said ordinance—nor did the Doctor give him any information respecting the same—consequently there was no abatement in the price of the said lot or any understanding that he should pay less on that account—He has not he states yet commenced building but expects to build on said lot soon

He further states that previous to purchasing the said lot he at his own expense placed on the same several loads of earth [397] to prevent the water running from said lot into his cellar adjoining—That for said earth the Doctor was unwilling to allow him any compensation—That one inducement to purchase the lot was the desire of removing the nuisance, which was injurious to his premises

Sig^d A Sherman

Whereupon Resolved that the Attorney proceed to recover the penalty incurred by M^r Simers

The Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell to whom was referred sundry petitions and complaints of Prisoners confined in the City Prison. Reported

That they have diligently enquired into the several matters contained in the said documents and after a full investigation of the same are unanimously of opinion that the charges against the Keepers of said prison, of cruelty, oppression mal practices & drunkeness are groundless

In pursuing this investigation the Commissioners have visited every Room in the Prison aforesaid, & from their own observation as well as the information received from the prisoners themselves, they are satisfied that no instance of cruelty or unnecessary rigour in the treatment of prisoners exists in said prison; the restraints complained of

being no more [398] than necessary for the safety & good government of the prison

By order of the Commissioners

(Sig^{d}) Peter Stagg Cor^{r} Sect^{y}

Which was approved

The following communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House was presented

The Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell respectfully represent to the Hon^{l} the Common Council the necessity of appointing some suitable person to be House Keeper of the old Alms House to perform such duties, as the Commissioners shall from time to time direct, and to receive such salary &^{c} as the Common Council shall in their discretion think proper to allow

By order of the Commissioners

Sig^{d} Peter Stagg Comss^{r} & Sect^{y}

Whereupon Resolved That the law concerning
be so amended as to authorize the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell to appoint from time to time the clerk of their Board and that so much of the said law as authorizes the appointment of such clerk by the Common Council be and the same is hereby repealed

[399] The Remonstrance to the Legislature against the proposal of the Comptroller of the State to repeal the Law granting to this Corporation a part of the auction duties, was presented by the Committee and laid on the table

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully reports to the Board, that agreably to their Resolution of the 21st october last authorizing the Committee of Finance to dispose of a Sum not exceeding $40 000 United States 6 p^{r} Ct Stock at a rate not under 93 p^{r} Cent for the redemption of Bills of credit and the payment of unsatisfied claims against the Corporation—The same has been effected as follows—On 25 october a sale was made of $21 000 at 93¼ p^{r} Ct without a Commission—The 26 Ult^{o} there were sold $2911.93 at 93½ per cent—On the 29th $1500 at 93¼ per cent—and the residue $1088.7 at 93¼ p^{r} Ct—The whole amount sold being $40 000 producing a nett sum of $37262..97 which has been paid into the Treasury

Sig^{d} G N Bleecker Comp^{r}

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented an account of Abel W Hardenbrook for repairs to Engines which was referred to the finance Committee

[400] The Market Committee on the Petition of William Hunter and others praying that the balance due for building the Market at Grand St may be reimbursed to them, reported that they recommend that a warrant be issued in favor of W^m^ Hunter for $256..44 on condition that all claims be relinquished by Petitioners on said Market in favor of the Corporation, which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant accordingly

The Market Committee on the several Petitions of John B Smith. Sam^l^ White & Adam Dobbs reported & recommended that Stall N^o^ 3 Catharine Market be granted to John B Smith—that Stall N^o^ 28 Washington Market be granted to Samuel White—and Stall N^o^ 40 Catharine Market be granted to Adam Dobbs

Which reports were approved

The Counsel presented a grant to Abijah Hammond for a Water lot between 4^th^ & 6^th^ Streets—which was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel & Street Commissioner on the Petition of Euphemia Peters & Helena Deas Reported

That certain property situated on the [401] north side of Fair St was conveyed by Helena Deas to " James Deas his Heirs & assigns to the sole and only proper use benefit & behoof of him the said James Deas his Heirs & assigns forever in trust nevertheless to receive the rents and profits of the premises & to pay the other two thirds to Jane Reed and as soon as the said Jane shall arrive at twenty one years of age the said James shall execute to her a deed for two undivided thirds of the premises and as soon as may be after the death of the said Euphemia the said James shall execute to the Heirs of the said Euphemia a conveyance of the other undivided third of the said premises " That Helena Deas the wife of the said David did not join in the conveyance and has a dower right in the said property. That James Deas died prior to the making of the reports herein after mentioned and that the said Euphemia is an executrix of his will

That George W Strong Esq^r^ is guardian of the estate of the said Jane who is still a minor. That the Commissioners of estimate & assessment for extending Fair St have reported that " the loss and damage of the said Jane over an[d] above the benefit & advantage for extending Fair St amounted to $2079. but that he holds the said premises in trust for the said Euphemia & Jane and the Heirs of said Euphemia and that the said sum of money was awarded to the said James in trust [402] for the said Euphemia, Jane and the Heirs of the said Euphemia, in the proportion following viz $498 for the said

Euphemia $1,385 for the said Jane and $196 for the Heir of the said Euphemia"

That the Commissioners of estimate and assessment for widening Cliff Street have reported that the owners and parties interested in the said property will be benefitted to the amount of $1160, leaving a balance due on account of the premises of $919

Under these circumstances the Counsel is of opinion that there is no person who is legally authorized to receive the money. That the Executors of James Deas are not entitled to receive it because it made no part of his Estate at the time of his death; that neither his heirs to whom the trust descended nor the cestui qui trust are entitled to receive it, because it was not awarded to them. He is therefore of opinion that the chancellor would decree that such a portion of the money as would be an equivalent for the right of dower of Helena Deas should be paid to her; and that the residue should be disposed of as far as is practicable in pursuance of the trust mentioned in the said Deas. To save the persons interested in the money the expense attendant upon resorting to a Court of Chancery, The Counsel proposing to George W Strong Esq[r] [403] who is the attorney of Euphemia Peter & guardian of Jane Reed that a bond of indemnification should be executed to the Corporation and that the claim of the said Helena should be satisfied by those for whose benefit the money was awarded, and that thereupon the money should be paid over to him for the benefit of those who are interested in it, That M[r] Strong declined giving a bond of indemnification

Under these circumstances the Street Commissioner & the Counsel are of opinion that it would be unsafe to pay the money to any person, until those interested in it comply with that proposition, or obtain a decree from the Court of chancery relative to the premises

(Sig[d]) Ogden Edwards
Jn[o] M[c]Comb St Comss[r]

Which was approved

A Communication was received from D[r] Sam[l] Akerly stating, that as the Gas light experiment had compleatly succeeded under the direction of a committee of the Board, he had it in contemplation to deliver at Tammany Hall on the evenings of the 21[st] & 23[d] inst two lectures on Inflammable air & its application to economical purposes explanatory of the whole system of gas light to which he invited the Members of the Common [404] Council to attend and enclosed tickets of admission for that purpose

Whereupon Resolved that the said invitation be accepted

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Engine Compy

James Patterson, Cooper, Batavia lane 4th Wd Vice Peter Hall resigd

Wm Hicks Smith Cr Duane & Rose St 4 Wd Vice John Morgan resigd

Fire Engn Compy No 21

George Burchill brass founder 52 Fulton St 2d Wd

No 23

Samuel Guntan, Carpenter, Canal St 5 Wd Vice Daniel McLaren (resigd)

No 25

Tunis B Kniffen Coppersmith Water St 2d Wd Vice Charles H Phelps resigd

William Young, Cartman Broadway 6th Wd Vice Wm B Kenyon resigd

The Chief Engineer on the petition of William Boyd Reported—That he has carefully examined the premises complained of and finds the statement of facts as therein mentioned to be correct and that (in his opinion) it calls for immediate relief, but from a Resolution of the Board passed 25th march last he [405] was directed to announce to the Fire wardens the inexpediency of putting in force the ordinance of the Corporation relative to carpenters, Cabinet makers, Coach makers and other dealers in lumber, in stowing & seasoning lumber on their premises—therefore at present the ordinance relative thereto becomes null

(Sigd) Thos Franklin City Engr

Whereupon Resolved that the attorney of the Board write to the owner of the materials, & inform him that they are considered as a nuisance and dangerous, and that, if not immediately removed that a suit will be commenced against him

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well & Pump in Banker St near Roosevelt St which was confirmed & Waite Munson appointed Collector

He also presented an ordinance for paving Sixth St from Rivington to Stanton St which was passed & Abraham Bloodgood Jacob C Mott & Aquila Giles were appointed assessors

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

John McKay	owr	1	Torbert St
Do	Do	2	Do
Do	Do	4	Do
Do	Do	5	Do
[406] Jno McKay	owr	8	Torbert St
George Matthews	occpt		
Jno McKay	owr	9	Do
Henry Anderson	occpt		
Jno McKay	owr	10 & 11	Do
Thos Pearson & Betsy Duffy	occpts		
Jas McWhorter	Lesse & occpt	130	Banker
John Marsh	owr	49	Rutgers
Nathl Ward	agent		
Danl Reed	occpt		
Elenor McKeoun	Lessee	83	Banker
Israel D Dissossway	owr	11	Birmingham
John Course & Saml Miller	occpts		
Catharine Corbert	owr & occpt	9	Do
Saml Noe	owr	3	Do
Jas Dunning	occpt		
George Corwin	owr	2	Do
Jas McLean	occpt		
James Gibbs & Hall	Lessees & occpts	127	Banker
Patrick Donnolly	Lessee & occpt	132	Do
Hicks & Titus	owr	134	Do
Saml Spindler	occpt		
Charles White	owr	121	Do
Dobson Page	occpt		
James Boardman	owr	125	Do
Henry Palmer	occpt		
Morris Hartnet	owr & occpt	117	Do
Jno McDougal Lawrence Esqr	owr	66	Elm
Benjn Wintrop	owr	145	Orange

Which were passed

The Committee on the Fire Department [407] on the petition of Hook & ladder Company No 1 praying an addition of four men to their company. Reported as their opinion that two additional men should be allowed to said Company

Which was approved

A Communication was received from John Randell Jr together with his account for services rendered—which was directed to be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

The Communication of Alderⁿ Fish, laid on the table on the 6th inst was called up. in it he recommended that the Committee on that subject should be authorized to vary the contract with Mr Randall so far as relates to the elevation of the Monuments by the spirit level, heretofore in use, and now known to be incorrect, if in their judgment the same should be for the public interest—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on that subject with authority to make the alteration in the contract suggested by Alderⁿ Fish

On Motion of Mr Thorp William Brady was removed from the office of Weigher of Hay

On like motion Epinetus Doughty was appointed a Weigher of Hay in his place

[408] On Motion. Isachar Cozens was appointed Keeper of the Pound established in the City

The following Committee were appointed to make the necessary preparations for the celebration of the aniversary of the 25 Novr 1783. Comee appointed were Alderⁿ Smith Alderⁿ Buckmaster Mr Tallman

Resolved that it be referred to the Superintendent of Repairs to consider and report whether some system by contract or otherwise may not be adopted for the repairing of Wells & Pumps in the City more advantageous to the public than the mode at present pursued

Resolved that in consequence of the great and uncommon length of the two lists of delinquents on assessments lately presented by the Street Commissioner that a suitable allowance be made to the printers for printing the same in addition to the sum contracted to be paid to them annually

Resolved that in lieu of the conditions lately granted to Jasper Ward in relation to his liability for a debt due the Corporation by Beekman M Van Beuren, all proceedings at law be suspended for four months in his assigning to them a certain judgment he has against the property of the said B M Van Beuren provided the same shall be considered sufficient by the Comptroller & Council

[409] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	45484.40
Warrants not presented	16306.53
	$29177.87

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	645.75
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brower Do	339.50
John M Devoy 50 Watch Caps 3d Dist	150.75
J Morton Clerk & Receivr Clerk C C on acct	400.
G N Bleecker Compr 1 Qr to 15th Inst	500.
Jacob P Roome Supdt Reprs 1 Qr 14 Inst	225.
Thos Franklin Chf Engineer 1 Qr 18th Inst	200.
Joseph Varick Inspector Bread 1 Qr 17th Inst	93.50
Geo Mills Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1 Inst	62.
Benjn Hicks Do Do Do	62.
G Sickles fr Officers conveying Prisoners 6 Mo 1 Inst	118.44
Thos P Low Printing for Corpn 3 Mo 1 Inst	73.50
Thos B Gates Carriage hire	24.
J Dowe Do	15.
Alexr Sibalds Do	3.
Elijah Guion reparg Pumps 4. 6 Wards	264.62
Phillips Lewis & Martin Do 10th Do	128.52
C Oneil repairg Wells 2 3 4 5 6th 8th Wds	105.
J. Baptist repairg Pumps 4th 6th Wards	79.24
Bebee & Augus Do 10 Wd	32.11
M Reid balc Well & Do Bowery	107.82
Do Do Do Crosby	104.31
Do 1st Instlmt Do Fulton	84.37
Do Do Do Banker	56.
[410] Thos Becannon 38 days Supertendg Piers Dey St	57.
E Ginnings Acct work 3d Avenue	1000.
Hugh Smith Acct Washington St	800.
Archd Smyth Acct Laight St	350.
John Bailey Acct paving Varick St	300.
Thos Scott Acct Beekman St Slip	200.
John Culbert Acct paving Pump St	200.
Thos Corbley in full for paving Banker St	188.18
Thos Lovett Acct Water St	150.
Jno Bailey Do Chatham St	150.
Archd Ball Do Elm St	100.
Thos Freeborn 8 Casks Oil	563.38
S B Waldron Oversr Roads 1 Mo to 1 Octr	714.91
J P Roome Supdt Reprs for Engine Houses	1500.
Do Do Repairs	1000.
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
Do for New Do Do	5000.
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Balance	$

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 1816 TO MAY 13, 1817

[1] In Common Council Dec^{r} 2^{d} 1816

present The Hon^{l} Jacob Radcliff Mayor Pres^{dt}

John B Coles	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Anth^{y} L Underhill	
Augus^{n} H Lawrence		John Brown	
Peter Conrey		William Stone	
Thomas R Smith		Robert M^{c}Queen	
William AlBurtis		Samuel Akerly	
George Buckmaster		George B Thorp	
Arthur Burtis		John H Tallman	
Reuben Munson		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Memorial of John Y Van Tuyl was presented stating that there was awarded by the Commissioners of assessments to the owners of land (to them unknown) on the 3^{d} avenue $34.50 for damages sustained by them—that said property is owned by Petitioner—that also thro' mistake in carrying out the Tax Books [2] he was assessed beyond the amount at which the property was really valued & praying the interposition of the Common Council—Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial of Simon Remsen & Rem Remsen stating that on the 14th January 1806 they obtained a verdict & Judgment against the Corporation for $3000 for a lot of land at Burling Slip & praying payment of the same with interest thereon—Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to the Comptroller and Counsel

A Memorial of James Arden was presented stating that on the 14th of August 1815. Petitioner & others presented a Memorial requesting that Washington St between Marketfield St and Albany Basin might be widened ten Feet, which was then referred to a Committee, but was not from particular circumstances then acted upon, and praying the subject may be now considered—Whereupon resolved that the [3] same be referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner

A further petition of John Rogers Master of the Ship Cossack praying to be released from a penalty incurred by not reporting passengers was read and ordered that the fine be remitted on Petitioners paying costs due

A Memorial of William Thatcher stating that he is a regular Minister of Gospel and as such is exempted from personal Taxes which

have been assessed upon him was read and referred to the Counsel & Comptroller

A Petition of Daniel Dougherty for relief from a penalty incurred under the Pawnbrokers law, was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit on payment of costs

A similar petition from John Larocque was read and referred to the Attorney to report facts

A Petition of Michael Cashman to assign [4] lease of the lot corner of chatham and Duane St to Dennis M^cCarty, and of a Lot in duane St in the rear of the lot before mentioned, to Robert Bogardus was read and referred to the Comptroller with authority to permit said assignment

A Petition that Lewis St may be filled up and regulated from Rivington to Stanton St was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Phœbe Dawson was received stating that she has a life estate on a lot in the 9th Ward thro' which 13th Street lately opened passes—that the Commissioners of assessment thro' ignorance of her title made her no allowance for the damages she sustained by opening said Street, and praying the aid of the Common Council. Which said petition was referred to the Alderman & assistant of the 9th Ward & Counsel

A Petition from the N Y auxiliary Bible and Common Prayer Book Society requesting [5] the grant of a Room in the old Alms House was read & referred to the Com^ee on Arts & Sciences

A further memorial of the Chimney Sweepers praying to be permitted to call out in the Streets as heretofore, was read and leave given to petitioners to withdraw their petition

A Petition of Isaac Varian to be permitted to sell meat at the corner of Cross and Pearl St—from William W Wilson and John Hobart for Stall N° 10 Washington Market—and from Robert Stanley for a Stall in the Catharine Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition was received from James Mackrell, stating that he was called on for an assessment for a Well and Pump at N° 54 Pump St—that the well was dug before his removal to that place and is of no use to him—and that he is old and infirm and unable to pay the assessment and praying to be discharged from payment of the same Ordered to be referred to the Committee [6] of charity

A Complaint of sundry Inhabitants against the Kennel in Chesnut Street which carries the water to the Drain in Roosevelt St was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Complaint from sundry Inhabitants that Spring St between Greenwich St and the Dock, was at present impassable, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to take the necessary measures for repairing the same

A Petition of Adam Thompson that a part of the Engine House & Lot in Mulberry St may be leased to him was read and referred to the Comptroller to report thereon

A Communication was received from Dr Felix Pascalis Physician of the Alms House stating that in the Alms House and Penitentiary there are at present 259 sick and diseased Individuals who [7] require the care and attention of the attending & resident Physician and recommending the appointment of another resident Physician which was read and laid on the table

A Petition of John B Langdon for appointment *of* [to] the office of a Measurer of grain &c was read and granted

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that the owners of lots on Broad way between Leonard and Canal St may be directed to enclose them within a fence was presented & read—This subject having been referred, upon the remonstrance of the owners of said lots to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector, they presented the following Report

The City Inspector & Street Commissioner to whom the above petition was referred

Having duly considered the subject are fully of opinion that the Ordinance passed by Your Honorable Body requiring the proprietors of vacant Lots in Broadway between Anthony St & Canal St to enclose the same with a suitable fence ought to be carried into effect, as it can be done at a trifling expence to the owners & will not [8] only prevent the indecencies complained of—but also prevent the carts crossing the side walks, which they now do; to the great danger and inconvenience of passengers

They would therefore respectfully recommend that said ordinance be carried into effect by the 15th day of December next

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comssr
George Cumming City Inspr

Which report was agreed to

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Compy No 3.

Peter P Roome, Carpenter Bedford St 8th Wd Vice Alexander Walsh (resigd)

Fire Engn Compy No 1.

William Marsh, Cartman, West nr Jay St 5 Wd Vice Anthony Minton (resigd)

No 8

John Burchan Chair Maker 8 Broad St 1 Wd Vice Hector Sinclair resigd

Richard Ronalds Chair Maker 5 Courtlandt St 3d Wd Vice John Watson resigd

Richard Spellman Do 2 Birmingham St 8th Wd Vice Moore Lee resigd

[9] Richard Langley Shoemaker, Greenwich St 5th Wd Vice Sebe Bogart resigd

No 10

William Hogaland, Carpenter Van Dam St 8th Wd Vice Charles Bird resigd

No 32

William Romaine, Wheelwright Elizabeth cr Spring 8th Wd vice Asahel Simerson resigd

James G Reynolds Carpenter 169 Bowery 10th Wd Vice Asa Drake resigd

No 40

Jacob Pessenger, Butcher Grand St Nr Bowery 10th Wd Vice James Chatterton resigd

No 41

Edward Gumbs, Cooper 130 Pump St 6th Wd Vice Nathaniel Chichester removd to Country

The Superintendent of Repairs in pursuance of the reference to him, presented a report recommending the establishment of a Blacksmith Shop on the public grounds for the repairs of Pumps &c—which was read & referred to the Committee on repairs

A Recommendation of the Fire wardens of the 7th Ward, that David Lyon—Michael M Titus & James Dubuvoise be appointed Fire wardens in [10] said ward was read and laid on the table

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the Petition of Messrs Webb, Reported

That a contract has lately been made for regulating and filling up Washington Street from Charlton to Christopher Street, which includes the petitioners property, which of course renders it inexpedient to grant their request.

But your Committee would respectfully recommend that they be allowed to join Mr Astor in completing Clarkson St between Washington & West Street—and that they be permitted to take the earth now lying in Clarkson St between Washington & Greenwich St for that purpose

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comssr
G N Bleecker Compr

Which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication stating that Cartmen & others were in the habit of stealing sand and clay from vacant Lots & Streets, [11] which was read and referred to him to report the remedy which should be adopted to prevent those practices

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well and Pump in Fulton St between Gold & Cliff St which was approved and Morris Decamp appointed Collector

The Market Committee presented a Communication recommending the disposal of Stall No 10 Washington Market at auction, which was read and laid on the Table

The Road Committee on the Petition and remonstrance respecting the opening 122d Street Reported that in their opinion it is inexpedient to open said Street at the present time—Which Report was approved

It being represented that the Arbitrators in the case between the Corporation and Messrs Bailey and Anderson would not be able to make the award within the time [12] limited by the Bonds of submission, the Counsel was authorized to cause new Bonds to be drawn and executed extending the time to the 1st January next

The City Inspector presented a Communication on the subject of filling in the ground at the Collect, which together with the report made on the same subject on 10th June 1815, was referred to the alderman and assistant of the 6th Ward & Street Commissioner.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Henry Willis	owr	3	Jews alley
Simon Hart & Gid[n] Welsh	occp[ts]		
W[m] M[c]Laughlin	owr & occp[t]	6	D[o]
Philip Jacobs	owr	11	D[o]
Jn[o] Roberts	occp[t]		
Moses Leon	owr	43	Banker
Joseph Hitt	occp[t]		
William Welsh	owr	56	D[o]
Lawrence Carroll	occp[s]		
James Reid			
[13] John Edgar	owr	54	Banker St
Phœbe French	occp[t]		
John Edgar	owr	52	D[o]
Jeffrey Hand	occp[t]		
George Buckmaster	owr	48	D[o]
James Heath	occp[t]		
John Clark	Ag[t]	32	D[o]
David Reid	occp[t]		
Mary Adams	ow[rs] & occp[ts]	21	D[o]
Sarah Cave			
James Pittman	owr	17	D[o]
William Ryan	occp[t]		
Walter Bowne	owr	26	D[o]
Charles Reid	occp[t]		
Walter Bowne	owr	24	D[o]
Arch[d] M[c]Garagla	occp[t]		
James Rosevelt	owr	22	D[o]
Jacob Robbins	occp[t]		
Edward Ferris	owr	12	D[o]
Benjamin Charlton	occp[ts]		
Joseph Dela Terre			
Caleb M[c]Mullen	owr	4	D[o]
Caleb Reif	occp[t]		
Robert Dunlap	Lesse & D[o]	7	D[o]
Edward Caldwell	owr & D[o]	5	D[o]
Ja[s] Bertine	owr	15	James
Robert Benton	occp[t]		
[14] James Bertine	owr & occp[t]	11 & 13	Banker
Sam[l] Milbank	D[o] D[o]	30	James
Rob[t] Brown	owr	24	D[o]
James Leonard	occp[t]		

George Pick	owr	20	James
Hellen Carter	occp[t]		
John Gardner	owr	14	D[o]
T Felton	occp[t]		
John Gardner	owr	16	D[o]
George Howell	occp[t]		
Henry Remsen agent of M M[c]Glaughlin Deceased		145	Chatham
Thomas Strong	occp[t]		
Sam[l] Torbett	owr	1	Fayette
Mich[l] Isaac	occp[t]		
Tho[s] Cooper	owr & D[o]	3	D[o]
Jn[o] Hyslop	owr	11	D[o]
Ch[s] Hyslop	occp[t]		
Sam[l] Torbett	owr	147	Chatham
Edward Byrne	occp[t]		
S Baxter	owr	11½	Fayette
James Covernan	occp[t]		
Peter Cavey	owr & D[o]	21	D[o]
James Warner agent to the estate of E Anderson Deceased		3	James
Richard Boyle	occp[t]		
David Hodges	Lessee & occp[t]	18	D[o]
[15] Samuel Lyons	owr		Mott
Miss Abijah Arden	D[o]	140	Broome
William Spotswood	occp[t]		
Miss Abijah Arden	owr	138	D[o]
Augustine Monnero[n]	occp[t]		

Which were passed

The Comptroller on the Petition of Alexander Cuthill reported That from the certificates of the assessors of the 2[d] Ward it evidently appears that the Petitioner has been assessed 10000 Doll[s] instead of 1.000—altho' it was incumbent on him to call on the assessors at the time limited for hearing appeals, and then to have stated the error and obtained an alteration in the sum assessed—yet it may be considered equitable and just to admit the declaration of the assessors, as sufficient evidence to authorize a diminution of the Tax in conformity with their wish

Sig[d] G N Bleecker Comp[r]

Which was agreed to

The Comptroller on the Petition of John B Morris. Reported. From the certificate of the assessors and their verbal [16] explanation, it would be proper to rectify the mistake, as Mr Morris called during the time of hearing appeals, and satisfied them that the amount of $2000 at which he was rated was an error; and being an artillery-man, they think he should be exempt from Tax. Owing to deficiency in memory, the assessor neglected to correct the mistake It is therefore respectfully recommended that the Collector of the Ward should settle with Mr Morris and return the sum in his account of deficiencies and errors

(Sigd) G N Bleecker Compr

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented a profile of the ground between Chamber & Duane St in order that it might be confirmed and laid before the Commissioners of Estimate & expense for extending Hudson St to Chamber St

Whereupon the said profile was accepted and confirmed

The Counsel presented Draughts of the [17] Laws and ordinances of the Corporation which had been revised and arranged by him agreably to the orders of the Common Council—Whereupon the following Resolution presented by Alden Smith was agreed to

Resolved that the laws and ordinances reported by the Counsel be referred to the Committee on laws together with the Counsel & Attorney with power to alter and amend the same, and to employ such person to print so many copies as they may think proper for the use of the Board not exceeding fifty and that after they shall be so printed they be submitted to the Board for their approbation or amendment as may appear proper

The Laws presented by the Counsel on 21st October last relative to "Wharfage" and respecting weights and measures were called up and referred to the same Committee

The Counsel was also directed to report an ordinance to prevent injuries to Wells and Pumps

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Samuel Cowdrey and [18] others relative to the contemplated improvement at the confluence of Cherry and Pearl Streets

Reported

That they have examined the aforesaid premises and are of opinion that all the buildings belonging to the Estate of Ephraim Brasher deceased ought to be taken from George's Square in order to avoid

the many angles and Goars that would be made if a contrary course were pursued

Sig[d] Peter Conrey
John Brown

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to make the necessary application to the judges of the Supreme Court

[19] Alder[n] AlBurtis called for the reading of the Report of the Street Commissioner made on 20[th] Novem[r] 1815 on the subject of opening Orange St—the same having been read, the subject was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6[th] Ward & Street Commissioner

This being the period assigned by Charter for the appointment of City Chamberlain or Treasurer, the Board proceeded to that duty—when Whitehead Fish was elected to that office for the ensuing year And it was directed that the Clerk give him notice thereof, and to give the Sureties required by law, which were to be approved by the Mayor

On motion Samuel Thorne Inspector of Manure, was removed from that office

The Comptroller stating that he had a confidential communication to make The Lobby was cleared and the

Doors closed

The Comptroller made a communication on the subject of the auction duties granted by the State to the Corporation which [20] was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject viz the Recorder—M[r] Jay—Alder[n] Smith

The Remonstrance to the Legislature on the subject of duties on Sales at auction was called up read & laid on the table

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	28060.21
Warrants not presented	3975.79
	$24084.42

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Acct[s]

Van Wart & Gardner Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd Do	670.25
Norris & Anderson Do	670.25
Bleakley & Brower Do	339.50
Ogden Edwards Counsel 1 Q[r] Salr[y] to 27 Nov[r]	260.69
W[m] S Smith Collec[r] Corp[n] Revenue 1 Q[r] 22[d] Nov[r]	200.
B Skaats Keep[r] City Hall 1 Q[r] 24[th] Nov sundry expen[s]	220.09
Astin & Cochran Messengers 1 Mo 1 Dec[r]	60.

S McCormick Keeper Park 1 Aug 1 Decr	183.
D H Magee Keepr Potters field 1. Mo 1st Inst	45.
Geo Cumming City Inspr 1 Qr 28th Novr	312.50
Wm J Waldron Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1 Inst	60.
[21] Obadiah Ayres asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1 Inst	60.
George Mills Do Do	60.
Benjn Hicks Do Do	60.
Saml Hutchings Depy St Comsr "	52.
Jonn Weeden Do Do "	52.
John Smith Do Do "	52.
Abm Brevoort Inspr Bread 1 Qr 21 Novr balc	97.20
J B Coles Esqr attens Sessions June & Novr	96.
J Mapes Esqr Do June July & Novr	144.
T R Smith Esqr Do August	48.
Wm AlBurtis Esqr Do Do	48.
Geo Buckmaster Esqr Do Sepr	48.
A Burtis Esqr Do Do	48.
N Fish Esqr Do May & Octr	96.
R Munson Esqr Do Do Do	96.
Richd Burchan list passengers 6 Mo to 1 Nov	25.
Wm F Slocum fees registg sundry conveyances	16.12
Wm Hunter balc in full Market Grand St	256.44
John Maxfield Carg hire	7.
Jas Warner Specl Justice 1 Qr 26 Novr	250.
Jas Hopson Do Do	250.
Josiah Hedden Do Do	250.
B O Blenis Clerk Police office	250.
R Stephens Asst Do Do	200.
J Hays Extra services by Officers Police	383.33
G Sneethen Superteng & lightg Lamps 1 Mo 1 Dec	625.86
Comstock & Sawyer 5 Casks oil	601.06
[22] Thos Freeborn 4 Casks Oil	413.50
O Waldron overser Roads 1 to 20 Octr	264.12
Jacob Smith Jr repairs to Engns 25 Octr	71.07
John Anderson Acct Piers & bridges at Dey St	1794.43
Abm Storms repairs Dock Vesey St & Stevens Wharf	353.76
Thos & Geo Lovett ferry Stairs Brookly[n] New ferry	214.94
John Combs repairg Pumps 7th Wd	36.37
Jas Richardson repairg Wells 6 8 10 Wds	27.67
P Fenton Timber to repair City Hall & Bridewell	211.29
Comssrs of Coms Schools f[or] 1816 on acct	2000.
R Munson Esqr to pay Expenses workg 1 Avenue	2000.
E Ginnings Acct working 3d avenue	3500.
Saml Kip Supertg 3d Avenue 60 days 1 Decr	120.
Rob Lattimer acct working 8th avenue	500.
Robt Lenox for property award opeg 28th St	450.
Abm Stagg balc pavg side Walks Walnut St	404.54
John Bailey Acct pavg Varick St	400.
E Bishop Comssrs fees on Slote lane & Elizth St	171.

Jn° Culbert acct pav^t Pump St	150.
Arch^d Smyth Acct regulating Washington St	100.
D° D° D° D° Murray "	100.
James Boyle bal^c D° Leonard St	100.
Rich^d Moran repair^s sundry Intersections	60.
John M Hall Inspect^r pav^t sundry Streets	54. 6
Tho^s R Smith Esq^r Chair^n Sub Com^ee Gas lights	500.
R. Furman Sup^dt Alms House	2000.
	$
Balance	$

[23] In Common Council Dec^r 9^th 1816

present The Hon^l Jacob Radcliff Mayor Pres^dt
Richard Riker Esq^r Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes		Anth^y L Underhill
Augus^n H Lawrence		John Brown
Peter Conrey		William Stone
Thomas R Smith		Rob^t M^cQueen
George Buckmaster		Samuel Akerly
Nicholas Fish		Geo B Thorp
Reuben Munson		John B Talman
		Thomas Cooper

Assistants

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of George W Hall stating that he is about to open a Quarry at the head of the Road South of Jacob Hyatts near Kings bridge, and wishes permission to remove a part of a Rock which projects into the road to enable him to carry the foot of the Quarry upon a level with the road and thereby [24] gain a greater height—ordered to be referred to the Road Committee and Alderman & assistant of the 9^th Ward with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition of Tho^s Payne for permission to erect a small shed or lime house on the rear of his lot in Water St, was read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the 2^d Ward to report thereon

A Petition of Andrew Ogden stating that he had purchased from the contractors of Street manure 200 Loads of the same, that being ignorant of the limits prescribed for the deposit of manure, he had placed the same within the limits and thereby incurred a penalty and praying remission of the penalty, was read, and the prayer of the Petition granted on payment of costs

A Petition of Gurdon S Mumford praying to be exempted from enclosing his Lot on Broad way within a fence as a building will be erected on the same—Ordered to be referred to St Comss^{r} & City Inspector

[25] A Memorial of Samuel Martin tendering to the Common Council for sale two clocks or time pieces of his construction was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Remonstrance of John R Livingston against the opening of 6th Street was read The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening said Street presented a report which was also read—Whereupon the said Remonstrance and Report were referred back to said Committee to report upon

A Petition of Peter Witt was read stating that he is a butcher and deals in the purchase and sale of Hogs. That he had purchased a number of Hogs for slaughter and as they were not intended to be permitted to run at large he did not put rings in their noses—that some of them escaped & have been taken & impounded, and praying the penalty to be remitted to him, Whereupon Resolved that the fine be remitted on payment of the poundage fees

A further Petition of W^{m} L Simers praying [26] a reconsideration of his case accompanied with some depositions on the subject was read and referred to the Attorney

A Communication was received from the Fire Wardens of the Second Ward stating that considerable alarm had been excited since the late fire in Water St by Carpenters and cabinet makers piling Boards and Plank in their yards to a very great height—That they have delayed giving any orders in the premises in consequence of the Resolution of the Common Council in March last until the further pleasure of the Board can be ascertained, and they request directions from the Common Council on the subject

The Attorney to whom the petition of William Boyd & the Report of the Chief Engineer had been referred, with directions to write to the owner of the timber complained of Reported. That agreably to the direction of the Board, he wrote to John Haight one of the owners of the lumber &^{c} complained of, who called upon him and stated that it was not convenient for him to remove the said articles—but that he would [27] endeavour to diminish the height of the boards piled up in his yard as speedily as his business and situation would permit.

That the ordinance on the subject makes it incumbent on the Fire Wardens or one of them to order the removal of such articles, as are complained of, before any steps can be taken by the Attorney—And

it appears by a resolution of the Board passed 25th March last, on the petition of a number of Carpenters and others, that the duties of the Fire wardens under said ordinance are suspended or the discharge of them pronounced inexpedient

(Sigd) A Sherman

Whereupon it was Resolved that the Resolution of the Common Council passed on the 25th day of March last which prevented the Fire Wardens from prohibiting Carpenters dealers in lumber &c from storing & seasoning lumber on their premises, be and the same is hereby repealed—And it was referred to the Committee on the fire Department and Chief Engineer to consider and report such regulations as they should deem expedient on the subject

The following persons were appointed firemen [28] the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 9.

Cornelius Van Cleef, Grocer 59 Vesey St 3 Wd Vice Jacob Coutant resigd

John H S Ball Clerk 62 Pearl St 1 Wd Vice John D B Vorse Dead

A Petition of Thomas Skillman for Stall No 38 Catharine Market was read and referd to the Market Committee

A further Petition from Aaron Kimbal was read, and the Committee on applications to whom his former petition was referred reported that Peter Stuvessant Junr having removed from the City they recommended that his appointment of City weigher be vacated & that Aaron Kimbal be appointed in his stead—which report was approved

A Petition of Samuel Kline for Stall No 3 Grand St Market and of Jonn Winship for Stall No 4 Same Market were read & granted

A Petition for a Lamp in Fayette St was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

[29] A Communication from Mr Robt Hare on the subject of the experiment made under direction of the Common Council relative to gas lights was read and laid on the table

A Petition of Parshall Dorons for appointment as wood Inspector was read & referred to the Committee on applications

The Counsel on the Petition of B P Cruger presented a Report, which was read and referred to the Road Comee & Street Comssr

He also presented a Draught of an agreement with Robert Latimer relative to forming a Road upon the 8th avenue from Greenwich lane to the Kingsbridge Road which was directed to lie for consideration

He also presented a lease to Leonard Fisher for a lot of ground in William St which was directed to be duly executed

He also presented agreably to order a law entitled "A Law to prevent damages to pumps which was read by paragraphs and passed

[30] The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the persons following

Dan[l] Smith	owr	173	Harman St	
Wilse Webb	occp[t]			
Tho[s] Egenton	owr	11	Jefferson "	
Ja[s] Thomas	occp[t]			
Henry Rutgers	owr	7	D[o]	
Sarah Newberry	occp[t]			
Betsey Bennet	owr & occp[t]	11	Harman	
W[m] Ferguson	D[o] D[o]	27	D[o]	
D Lambertson	owr	174	D[o]	
Moses Dean & Pettit	occp[ts]			
Elizabeth Easton	owr	9	Rutgers	
Ann Morris & John Thompson	occpts			
Frederick Pence	owr	15	Division St	
Sarah Douglass	occp[t]			
Mary Springle	ow[r]	19	D[o]	
Aaron Sheffield John M[c]Cready	occpts			
Phillis Crawley	owr	29	D[o]	
Ab[m] C Wood	occp[t]			
Stephen Walters	owr & occp[t]	35	D[o]	
M[c]Curdy & Warnack	owr[s]	37	D[o]	
Francis Gilespie	occp[t]			
Helebrant Lozier	owr & occp[t]	43	D[o]	
[31] John Richardson	owr	47	D[o]	
Mary Dunlop	occp[t]			
Hevelen Smith	owr & occp[t]	65	D[o]	
Benj[a] Pride	D[o] D[o]	67	D[o]	
Stephen Thorn	owr	115	D[o]	
Samuel Harriet Obadiah Lawrence James Kelly John Smith	occpts			

William Stagg	owr	123	Division St	
Joseph Fox John Reeder	occpt[s]			
John Roach	owr & occpt	127	Do	
Pierson Halsted	owr	131	Do	
Evangelis Keckassler Phebe White	occpts			
Samuel Purdy	owr	137	Do	
John Carmichael John Olmstead	occpts			
Henry Rutgers	owr	159	Do	
Michael Kerson	occpt			
Widow Johnson	owr	161	Do	
William Thompson	agent			
Daniel Brooks & Mary Stanton	occpts			
John C Hoffman	owr & occpt	163	Do	
Lawrence Bracker	owr	19	Orange	
James Casey	occpt			
[32] Peter Kennell	owr & occpt	165	Division	
Cromwell	owr	167	Do	
William Flemming Charles Dodge	occpts			
Ezekiel Halstead Jr	agent	125	Harman	
Henry Reed Peter W Spicer	occpts			
Thomas Haight	owr & occpt	63	Do	
John Hanavan	Do Do	59	Do	
Abraham Stagg	owr	117	Do	
Rebecca Thorburn	occpt			
Isaac Sayres	owr	93	Do	
Lyman Clark	occpt			
William Jones	owr	83	Do	
Edward Bentford	occpt			
Lawrence Wessells	Lessee & occpt	151	Do	
Peter Grant	Do Do	155	Do	
Aber Decker	owr Do	157	Do	
Elias Noe	Do Do	177	Do	
John Buckmaster	Do Do	69	Do	
James Collins	Do Do	127	Do	
Mary Bird	Do Do	77	Do	

Henry Rutgers Lewis Webb	owr occpt	172	Harman
Stephen Row Daniel Baker Elijah Mansfield & Wm Brook	owr occpts	71	Do
[33] Gilbert Hyatt Mary Thompson	owr occpt	43	Harman
William Simpson	owr & occpt	11	Rutgers
Peter Gary			Broadway
John Roach James Foster	owr occpt	171	Division
Daniel Lewis	owr & occpt	25	Do
Josiah Archer Ebenezer Briggs John Pease Walter Carter	owr agent occpts	33	Do

Which were passed

The Committee on Streets & Street Comssr on the subject of Robt Hendersons buildings in Fulton St Reported

That they have maturely considered the subject and are fully of opinion that the mistake must have originated with the builders respecting the line said to have been given by Mr Ludlum City surveyor for the two first houses that were erected, as the upper corner is 6½ inches on the Street—the Lots for the two upper buildings were not surveyed nor the corner established by the Street Commissioner as it ought to have been—by neglect of which an [34] encroachment of 13½ inches has been made on Fulton St at the corner of Cliff Street (as per sketch herewith)*

Your Committee are decidedly of opinion that the incumbrance ought to be removed they therefore respectfully recommend that the Common Council give directions for the fronts of the three upper buildings to be taken down between this and the first day of May next

(Sigd) Peter Conrey
G Buckmaster
A L Underhill
Jno McComb St Comssr

The question being taken on agreeing to the report, it passed in the negative

* No sketch appears. Although a search revealed the original report, there was no accompanying sketch.—Ed.

It was then moved that directions be given, that the fronts of the two upper buildings be taken down, and the question being taken thereon it passed in the affirmative

The Street Commissioner who was directed to advertize and sell certain articles which had been deposited in the Bridewell Yard for incumbring the Streets & Wharves—Reported That the 112 bbs [35] of Turpentine—the iron cylinder and one anchor was claimed, & the fine & expenses were paid viz

on the turpentine	21.19
deduct cartage paid Keeper of the Bridewell	8.63
	$12.56
Amt Iron Cylinder deducting Cartage	12.28
Do on one anchor Do Do	8.79
3 Logs Mahogany sold	22.50
One Lot Hoop Poles Do	6.
One anchor that had laid in the yard for a number of years sold	36.
	$98.13
deduct Auctioneers Comssns & advertizing	5.21
which balance	$92.92

has been deposited in the Treasury

The sale of the two cannon was pos[t]poned in hopes that the owner may claim them as they would have been sacrificed at the sale

Sigd Jno McComb St Comssr

Which was read and approved

The Street Commissioner reported That in pursuance of his duty in opening Hudson St from Laight St to Spring St and of Chapel St at Leonard St—did dispose of the buildings thereon at auction for the following sums viz

The House that was formerly [36] Mr Lespinards for		430.
The House & stable formerly belonging to the Heirs of Wm Gray for		184.50
The House & Shop on Chapel St		45.
		$659.50
Deduct for filling in a part of Chapel St in front of the Houses removed	37.50	
Do Auctioneers Comssns	21.	
		58.50
		$601.00

Which sum of $601. has been deposited in the treasury, and he presumes should go to the credit of that part of Hudson Street which has

been assessed for any part of the buildings that were taken for opening and improving said Street

Sig[d] John M[c]Comb St Comss

Which was approved

He also presented an ordinance for regulating Spring Street from Greenwich St to the Bulk Head—which was passed and Jacob C Mott. John Brower & James H Guion were appointed assessors

He also presented a communication recommending that Water St between Burling and Fulton Slips be widened [37] five feet—which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner

The Committee of repairs to whom was referred the consideration of the report of the Superintendent of repairs

Reported That they concur with the Superintendent, in the opinion that a very great saving may be made in making & repairing pumps, and do recommend that the Superintendent of Repairs be directed to build a work shop on the public ground and employ pump makers and black smiths, sufficient to carry the same into effect

(Sig[d]) Geo B Thorp
Jn[o] H Tallman
Thomas Cooper

Which was approved, and the Superintendent was directed to give notice in the public Newspapers that all applications for the repairs of wells & Pumps should be made to the Superintendent at the public work shop corner of Elm & Franklin St

The Bellevue Committee to whom was referred the application of William Hoghland [38] to be paid for certain services while as Superintendent of the building now called the New Alms House Reported

That they have examined all the claims of M[r] Hoghland as well as the nature of the case would admit and do not see any thing extraordinary in said application which should induce this board to make any additional compensation more than in ordinary cases. The Committee would further state in their opinion, wherever appointments are made by this Board they always reserve the right to reduce or increase the pay of all persons by them so appointed as they may think wise & prudent

Sig[d] Reuben Munson
Nich[s] Fish
Geo B Thorp
John Brown
William Stone

Which was approved

The Committee on the petition of Eli Wadsworth on the subject of his graduated Hay scales Reported That from an examination of his model and accompanying [39] certificates they are of opinion that his graduated scales for weighing of Hay or merchandise is well calculated to dispatch business, and will on experiment be found convenient and useful

Sig[d] Nich[s] Fish
Th[s] R Smith
Samuel Akerly

Which was approved

The Committee on the petition of Jon[n] Ware on the subject of an improved method of instructing children Reported That having had the same together with his letter and many respectable testimonials relative thereto under their consideration they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Jonathan Ware for his new and peculiar method of instructing children is well deserving of the public patronage

Sig[d] Nich[ls] Fish
Th[s] R Smith
Samuel Akerly

Which was read and approved

The same Committee on the Petitions [40] of sundry Societies and individuals praying to be accommodated with rooms in the old Alms House Reported

That the surrender of the rooms heretofore granted to the City Library affords an opportunity of enlarging the accommodations, and consequent usefulness, of the Historical Society and of the Academy of Arts, and of affording a convenient and suitable apartment to John Griscom, for his Lectures on chemistry and natural philosophy in exchange for those heretofore granted to him and found to be inconvenient. The Committee deem it unnecessary to urge any argument in favor of the arrangement now proposed, as the sense of the Common Council has been so recently and decidedly expressed on their utility and importance by the liberal and extensive patronage already bestowed on them

They therefore recommend that the front room of the first floor on the right hand of the center of the building entering from Chamber Street be assigned to the academy of arts during the term and upon the conditions of their present lease

That the front room and pantry between [41] the last mentioned

room and Scudders Museum be leased to John Griscom for the same term of time, on condition that it be occupied & used by him during the whole term, as his Lecture room on chymistry & natural Philosophy; and that whenever it shall cease to be so occupied & used by him the same shall revert to this Corporation

That the two back rooms adjoining the preceeding apartments and extending from the center of the building to Scudders Museum be assigned to the Historical Society during the term and on the conditions of their present lease, provided they cause to be established & collected therein, a Cabinet of minerals & fossils prior to the first day of January 1818—and accommodate the American Bible and Common prayer book society with a room suitable for their meetings

Sig[d] Nich[ls] Fish
Tho[s] R Smith
Samuel Akerly

Which was read and approved

The Committee on the Petition respecting the disposition of the grounds in the vicinity of the old Alms House presented [42] a Report which was read & laid for consideration

The Committee to whom it was referred to consider the propriety of assessing the expenses of working the avenues upon the adjacent property presented a report, which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The Petitions of the N Y Female assistance Society [& that] for the promotion of industry, were called up and referred to the Committee of Charity, the said petitions having been before laid for consideration

A Letter from M Crane Keeper of the Penitentiary resigning his office was presented & his resignation accepted

Alder[n] Coles presented a Resolution requesting the Commissioners of assessment on the widening of Bridge Street to take certain ground in said Street, which was read & laid for consideration

A Resolution to repeal that part of the law [43] respecting chimney Sweepers that prevents their crying aloud, was presented by Alder[n] Buckmaster & laid for consideration

Ordered that a Warrant issue for one thousand Dollars for the chairman of the Committee on the subject of gas lights

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	21383.75	
Warrants not presented	7899.82	
		$13483.93

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

Robert Stakes Carriage hire	5.
Thos Brown band of music 25 Nov 1816	25.
Martling & Cozzens Dinner 25 Nov "	783.
George F Harrison costs of suit in the year 1809	338.77
Ogden Edwards revising Laws on Acct	250.
J Bailey Acct paving Varick St	500.
Archd Smyth " Do Chapel "	500.
Archd Smyth " Do Laight	400.
Archd Smyth " regulating Washington	350.
A Giles for assessors on Wells & Pumps	210.
A Giles " Do on Streets	108.52
Charles Mooney balance repaving Leonard Street	95. 6
[44] Aldern Munson on account working 3d Avenue	1500.
Saml B Waldron Overseer Roads 1 Octr to 5th Novemr	322.30
Jacob P Roome Supdt Repairs for Fire Department	1000.
Jacob P Roome Supdt " for repairs	500.
Richard Furman Superintendent Alms House	5000.
	$
Balance	$

[45] In Common Council Decr 16 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presdt

Aldermen	Assistants
John B Coles	Peter A Jay
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence	Anthony L Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
Thomas R Smith	William Stone
William AlBurtis	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	George B Thorp
Arthur Burtis	John H Tallman
Nicholas Fish	Thomas Cooper
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Memorial of Jasper Ward security of Beekman M Van Beuren former Commissioner of Excise offering in payment of the debt, due by said Van Beuren to the Corporation ($965) certain Lots of ground in the 8th Ward belonging to said Van Beuren, was read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the 8th Ward the Comptroller & Counsel

[46] A Petition of Wm Kline—Danl Winship George G Messerve

& C Schuyler praying that stall N° 1 Washington Market may be granted to Abraham Vermilyee was presented and read. M^r Stone presented the following "ordered that a license be granted to Ab^m Vermilyee as a Butcher to stand at Stall N° 1 in the Washington Market"

The question being taken thereon & a Division called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 12. M^r Recorder, Alder^n Lawrence, Conrey Smith Buckmaster Burtis Munson Mess^rs Brown Stone Akerly Thorp Cooper

Negative 8 Alder^n Coles, Mapes AlBurtis Fish Mess^rs Jay Lorillard Underhill. Tallman

A Remonstrance of John Scudder against the grant of a room in the old Alms House to M^r John Griscom for the purpose of chemical Lectures and experiments conceiving the same as dangerous & hazardous was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

[47] A Remonstrance of S Trumbul & others complaining that sundry persons are in the practise of forestalling provisions brought to market, was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Remonstrance of Cornelius Dubois against opening a part only of First St and praying the whole of said Street may be opened was read & referred to the Road Committee

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that the Fire Engine House at the Foot of James St may be removed, was read & refer^d to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Abijah Arden praying remission of a penalty incurred under an ordinance respecting the removal of a nuisance was read & referred to the City Inspector

A Complaint by sundry Inhabitants against Jacob Levere a Wood Inspector, for incompetence to perform the duties of the office, was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition for a Well in Reed St between Church [48] & chapple St was read & referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

Joseph Shadwick W^m Day & Jn° Gidney	owr occpt^s	16	Harman St
Jn° Moore	owr & occp^t	18	D°
Jos^ph Johnson	" "	24	D°
Rich^d Bell	" "	28	D°

Wm Whale	owr	32	Harman St
John Huguet	occpt		
Henry Rutgers	owr	26	Do
Michael Hughes	owr & occpt	42	Do
Henry Rutgers	owr	46	Do
Elizabeth Shadding	occpt		
Mary McCrea	owr	47	Do
Edmund Snow	occpt		
Geo Fisher	owr	50	Do
John Neil	occpt		
Geo Fisher	owr	52	Do
Ellis Hussey	occpt		
Lewis Valloo	Lessee & occpt	56	Do
Richd Wittingham	owr & occupt	82	Do
[49] Jno Buckmaster	owr	84	Banker St
John Westgate	occpt		
Mrs Effee Phebe & Sally Halsted	owrs	125	Do
Henry Reed & Peter W Spicer	occpts		
Thos Norris	owr	126	Do
Henry Tilford	occpt		
Sally Gillmore	owr	128	Do
Chancy Saxton	occpt		
Hy Miller	Lesse & occpt	153	Chatham
George Janeway	owr	35	Cross St

(Sigd) Geo Cuming City Inspr

Which were passed

A Petition from John Varick for license to sell meat in Pump Street, was read & leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

The Street Commissioner presented a Map of Collect St made in pursuance of directions from the Board on 10th June last showing the property thro' which that Street will pass also that part of Rynder St Pump St & Walker St which still belongs to Individuals and which he recommended to be taken at the same time so as to complete those Streets

Which was approved & the Counsel was [50] directed to take the necessary legal measures for taking said ground

A Communication was received from the Fire Department of the City, stating that there are defects in the Engineers & Fire Wardens Departments and praying the subject may be referred to a Committee, with whom a Committee appointed from their Body might have a con-

ference—which was read and referred to the Committee on the fire Department

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Estimate and assessment for opening & extending Beekman St from Pearl St to the East River requesting in conformity with the directions of the act of the Legislature of 16 April 1816 that they may be furnished with a Plan or profile showing the intended regulation as to the elevation or depression of said Beekman St after the said improvement Which was read and referred to the St Comss[r] to report the necessary plan or profile

A similar request was made by the Commissioners of estimate and assessment relative to [51] the enlarging & improving Bridge St between White Hall St & Broad St—which was also referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to report the requisite Plan or Profile

The Committee on the petition of Tho[s] Payne Reported that in their opinion no permission of this Board is necessary to enable the petitioner to erect a Lime House on his Lot and that this Corporation has no power to permit him to erect any building of wood thereon for the purpose of carrying on his trade

Sig[d] J Mapes
Jacob Lorillard

Which was approved

The Attorney to whom was referred the petition of W[m] L Simers, submitted certain affidavits which had been presented to him by the Petitioner, which were read—Whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the subject of the appointment of Wardens in the 7[th] & 8[th] Wards Reported—that they recommend that the vacancies be filled

[52] Your Committee having taken into consideration the referrence of the wardens generally believe they are absolutely necessary for the well organization of the fire Department, and the greatest number of that body very valuable firemen, and believing they will soon be completely organized recommend that vacancies may be filled, when presented as the law directs

(Sig[d]) Arthur Burtis
A L Underhill

Whereupon David Lyon Michael M Titus & James Dubovoise were appointed Fire Wardens of the 7 Ward, in places, of Richard Degroot—John Youle—& Charles Dickenson resigned and James Ange-

vine & William Palmer were appointed Fire wardens of the 8th Ward, in the places of Devie Bethune & Hector Scott—resigd

The same Committee on the petition of the Dutch reformed Church at Greenwich praying the removal of the Engine House—requested permission to lease or purchase a Lot for said Engine House, they first reporting to [53] the Board—which was granted

The same Committee presented a communication recommending an application to the Legislature for a Law to be passed authorising the Corporation to construct Cisterns or Reservoirs for water in the Streets to be used in cases of fire and to charge the expenses of the same on the property in the vicinity benefitted thereby—which was read & laid for further consideration

The Committee on assessments on the Petition of the Congregation of Sheareth Israel, Reported That they have taken the subject into consideration and are of opinion that no relief can be granted—Wherefore they recommend that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

Sigd Samuel Akerly
Jacob Lorillard
Peter A Jay
William Stone

Which was read & approved

The Counsel on the Petition of Wm Thatcher presented a report which was read and [54] laid for consideration

The Report of the Market Committee on the disposition of Stall No 10 Washington Market was called up and after some debate, the consideration thereof was further postponed

Alderman Smith moved that the Common Council now proceed to the appointment of a Keeper of the Penitentiary, and nominated Cornelius McLean to the office, the consideration of which was postponed until the next meeting of the Board

Mr Jay presented a resolution prohibiting the transfer of Stalls by the Widow or Representative of any person to whom such stall had formerly been granted, which was read & laid for consideration

The Resolution presented by Alderm Coles at last meeting respecting Bridge St was called up and after some discussion was referred to the Counsel with directions to report his opinion as to the powers of the Commissioners in the case contemplated

[55] Alderm Lawrence presented a Resolution d[i]recting the removal of the Hackney carriages from the stand in front of Trinity Church which was referred to Aln Munson Aln Lawrence Aln Smith

The Recorder presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to report whether any law prohibiting the Common Council from authorizing the sale of meat either in temporary markets or at particular Stands—which was agreed to and referred accordingly

The Resolution respecting Sweeps presented at the last meeting was called up and being amended was agreed to as follows

Resolved that so much of the law regulating chimney Sweepers which prevents sweeps from crying aloud in the Streets be repealed except so far as relates to the first Second & third wards

Alder[n] Smith presented a Resolution directing it to be referred to a Committee to consider and report on the propriety of taking for a market place the Lots of ground between Water & Front Streets [56] and between Burling Slip & Fulton St, on which Lots the Buildings were destroyed by the late fire in lieu of the ground at Beekman Slip heretofore taken which was read & referred to Alder[n] Smith M[r] Akerly Alder[n] Fish

Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorized to sell so much of the 6 p[r] Ct & 7 per Ct U S Stock held by the Corporation not exceeding $20.000—as they shall judge proper for the purpose of redeeming the small Bills of credit issued under the authority of the Corporation

Resolved that the Committee of Defence be requested to take such measures as they shall judge most efficacious to procure a settlement & payment of the amount still due from the U S. to this Corporation for money paid for damages to land taken during the late War for scites for Fortifications &[c]

Resolved that it be referred to the following Committee to cause at their discretion a Carpet to be put on the floor of the Mayors office

Com[ee] Alder[n] Smith Mapes M[r] Tallman

[57] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	15693.62
Warrants not presented	3579.59
	$12114.03

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Van Wart & Gardner	Watch	498.75
Walton & Hibberd	"	670.25
Norris & Anderson	"	670.25
Bleakley & Brower	"	413.

Jesse Dowe Cars hire	10.
Geo Roberts "	6.
Saml Taylor "	3.
Philip Becannon Inspr Bread 1 Qr 10 Decr	92.10
A Bir[k]beck Repairs Ferry Stairs Cathn Markt	156.18
Elias Dob " Pier Jay St Corpn Half	569.90
Thos Barnum superts Pier Dey St 24 days	36.
M Reid balc well & Pump Orange St	64.40
Margt Stuyvesant award for 1st Avenue	15.
" " " 2d "	40.
Edward Lyde " Slote lane	2050.
Thos C Taylor Comssrs fees opens Mott St	357.50
Dominick Lynch award for Franklin St	190.24
Charles Mooney regulating "	159. 7
Edwd Doughty surveys & Maps in full	94.40
Richd Moran repairs Intersections	50.
Wm Harrison 11 days repairs Broad Way	43.12
[58] Israel Haviland maks & repairs hose to 29 Nov	1349.
J P Roome Supd Reprs for Fire Depmt	1000.
" " " repairs	800.
T R Smith Chn Sub Comee Gas lights	500.
	9838.16
Balance	$2275.87

Adjourned to meet in the Mayors Office on Monday next 4 o clock

[59] In Common Council Decemr 23d 1816

present The Honl Jacob Radcliff mayor Presdt
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John B Coles	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthy L Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
Thos R Smith	William Stone
William AlBurtis	Robt McQueen
George Buckmaster	Saml Akerly
Arthur Burtis	George B Thorpe
Reuben Munson	John H Tallman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Charles Smith former Lessee of public Slips praying in consequence of certain injuries occasioned by the war that a reduction may be made in the amount of rent due, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves

A Petition of Samuel Hull for appointment as Keeper of the City Penitentiary was read and [60] referred to the Com^ee on Applications

A Petition of Saul Alley for remission of fine incurred by storing Gun powder was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Memorial of Geo W Murray praying permission to sink a Well in Broad way at his own expense at his lead works—was read and referred to the Alder^n & Ass^t of the 8^th Ward & St Comss^r with authority to grant the prayer

A Memorial from the owners of Lots in Spring St near the market, stating that in their opinion the public should bear a proportion of the expense incurred in repairing the Street was read & referred to the Committee on Streets & Street Commissioner

A Memorial on the subject of the buildings over the drain in Ferry St was read and laid on the Table

A Petition from J Pintard in behalf of the Literary Societies to whom Rooms have been given in the old Alms House praying that [61] Lamps may be placed in front of said buildings was read & referred to the Lamp Committee

A Remonstrance against Hackney Carriages being permitted to continue on Stands in the Streets—And A Memorial in favor of their continuing, were read—The Committee to whom the Resolution on that subject was at the last meeting referred presented a report, which was read—Whereupon the said Remonstrance Memorial & Report were referred to the former Committee on that subject viz Al^n Munson—Lawrence—Smith

A Memorial from sundry Butchers of the City & a Remonstrance from the Butchers of Washington Market against the proposed sale of Stalls were read & laid on the Table

A Petition of Blaze Ten Broeck for Stall N° 10 in Washington Market, was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Letice Grayson for permission to erect a lime House in the street—was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw her petition

[62] A Letter was received from D^r Sam^l L Michell transmitting to the Corporation Dearborns Translation of Lasleyrie's Treatise on Woad which was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences

A Letter from Count Renau De St Jean Dangeley on the subject of improving the *the* grounds in the vicinity of the Old Alms House as a Botanic Garden was read & laid on the Table

A Communication was received, from the Street Commissioner respecting the necessity for repairing the Drain in Hamersly Street which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Plan for Greenwich Village—the Street Comss^{r} & Sup^{dt} of Repairs with authority to act as they shall think expedient in the premises Com^{ee} were Al^{n} Burtis—Coles—Munson

The St Comss^{r} presented an ordinance for a Well & Pump in Reed St between Church & Chapel St—which was passed & Ab^{m} Bloodgood Jacob C Mott & John Brower appointed assessors

He also agreably to order presented a profile [63] of Bridge St between Broad & White Hall St showing the regulation of said Street to be laid before the Commissioners of assessments, which was accepted

Upon the Report of the attorney penalties were remitted to Captains Ray—Wilcox Brown Murphy Burt & Sutton incurred by not reporting Passengers agreably to law

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following persons

W^{m} L Simers	owr	2 Henry St
Peter Brombel	occp^{t}	
J & J Branard	owrs	4 "
E B Coaly	occp^{t}	
Mary Stagg	owr	11 "
Jno Waters	occp^{t}	
J Jones	owr	12 "
Jn^{o} M^{c}Gee	occp^{t}	
Philip Carrol	owr & occp^{t}	13 "
Ab^{m} Smith	ow^{r}	16 "
Jn^{o} Frazer	occp^{t}	
Ab^{m} Weed	owr	18 "
John Townsend	occp^{ts}	
John Taylor		
[64] Step^{n} Parrot	owr	19 "
Jn^{o} Baker	*ow^{r}* [occp^{t}]	
Step^{n} Parrot	owr	21 "
Epenetus Harris	occp^{t}	
Abigail Coles	owr	22 "
James Smith	ocp	
J Johnson	ow^{r}	24 "
Mary Wheeler	occp^{t}	

Dennis Kelly	owr	29	Henry St
Stephen Martin	occp		
Jn° Thompson.	ag^t	36	"
James M^c Laughlin	occp^t		
Pat^ck Kayhall	owr	38	"
W^m Carmichael	occp^t		
Jn° M^cKay	owr	39 & 41	"
Geo Miller	occp		
H O Hare	owr	47	"
Ja^s Wares	occp^t		
Peggy Dougherty	Lesse & D°	49	"
Tho^s Miller	owr & D°	50	"
Hu Pinkerton	D° D°	51	"
Stephen Parrot	Lessee	54 & 56	"
Philadelphia Ludlow	occp		
Henry Rutgers	owr	63	"
Tho^s K Walker	occp		
Tho^s Hawkins	Lessee	66	"
Cha^s Fowler	owr & occp	69	"
[65] A G Thompson	owr	74	Hester St
Benj^n Storey	occp		
W^m Bailey	Lessee & D°	84	Henry St
Anne Gibson	" "	88	"
James Cave	owr "	91	"
Benj^n Hendley	" "	108	"
James Levet	Agt	121	"
Maria Hopson	occp^s		
John Carr			
Joseph Marsh	owr	1	Lombardy
Eliza^th Degrove	occp		
And^w Wallace	owr & D°	15	"
George Downing	owr	19	"
Benj^n Parker	occp^t		
James Latham	owr & D°	23	"
Jn° Reice	D° D°	25	"
Arch^d Douglass	owr	27	"
Ja^s M^cLean	occp		
Andrew Morris	owr	29	"
Ja^s Shields	occp^t		
Rob^t Smart	owr	31	"
Sam^l Thorrington	occp^t		

Wm Hardenbrook	owr	37	Lombardy
Geo Addison	occp		
Wm Colgate	owr	39	"
Alexr Cahaden	occp		
Abm Legget	owr & Do	63	"
[66] Mary Ross	owr	73	"
Chas Rutledge	occp		
Judah Hammond	owr	75	"
P A Saml Halbert	occps		
David Harvey			
Margt McKenna	owr	77	"
Wm Klinch & Jas Prince	Less. & occps		
Hager Erwin	owr	87 & 89	"
Phebe Roberts	occpt		
Wm Freeman	owr	91	"
Josh McCave	occp		
Ann Hulton	owr	93	"
Benja Young	occpt		
Abm Dally	Owr & Do	105	"
Owen McCave	Lessee & Do	111	"
G B Abeel	owr	115	"
Wm Rodman	occpt		
Elias Wade	owr	123	"
Paul Cornwell	occpt		
Isaac Ryckman	Owr & Do	125	"
Mary McCrea	owr	127	"
Geo Schaff	occp		
Mary McCrea	owr	129	"
Robt McKuen	occp		
A Cornwell	owr	137	"
Wm Campbell	occp		
Wm L Simers	owr	38	Harman St

[67] Which were passed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen. the Chief Engineer confirming the Vacancies

John Edwards. Shoe Maker. Rivington Street 10th Wd in the place of Richard Stimerson Resigned to No 37.

Cornelius M. Allen. Merchant. No 16 Beekman St 2nd Wd

A Resolution of the Citizens of the Village of Greenwich requesting the Common Council to augment the City Watch was referred to the Watch Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Report Accompanied with a general return of the Fire Department which was read and resolved that One hundred Copies of the return be published

The Chief Engineer respectfully Reports

That having completed his annual visitation throughout the Fire Department and carefully Inspected the various branches thereof. herewith presents his general return. with the Names of the Engineers Foremen and Firemen. and the number belonging to the respective Companies (when full) with their places of Abode. Occupation &c as well as the places of deposit of the several Fire Machines

He also further Reports that agreeably to the 22nd Section of the 11th Chapter of the Law for preventing and extinguishing fires *that* in the Course of the Year there has been received and paid to the Treasurer of the Fire Department fund for Chimney fines Twelve [68] hundred & Eighty one Dollars $^{48}/_{100}$. and that the same has been applied for the relief of the Widows of Deceased Firemen. and in aiding and assisting disabled and Indigent Firemen and their families. and for the Educating and clothing a Number of their Children &c

All which is respectfully submitted.

New York 20th Decr 1816.

Thos Franklin Chief Engr

The Commissioners of Estimate and expence for Improvement at the Junction of Pearl and Cherry Streets presented a request to be furnished agreeably to Law with a profile or Plan of the Improvement which was referred to the Street Commissioner on the requested Plan.

The Committee appointed on the Subject of procuring a Carpet for the Mayors Office Reported. that in their Opinion it was at present inexpedient to furnish a Carpet to that Room which Report was approved.

The Committee of the Fire Department to whom was referred the Communication of the Fire Department of this City Reported as follows.

The Committee of the Fire Department to whom was referred the within Petition Report, That agreeably thereto. they have carefully attended to the subject and after an interview with the Committee therein named have agreed. and therefore do recommend that the Engineer [69] Department be augmented to ten instead of eight and should the Board concur. that it be recommended to the Chief Engineer to call a meeting of the Engineers and for them to Nominate (for the

Approbation of the Corporation) two suitable Characters from amongst the Fire Department to fill said station

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Arthur Burtis
Robert McQueen
A. L. Underhill

which was approved

The Comptroller presented a communication on the subject of Leasing certain Lots belonging to the Corporation which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Committee on the Subject of a seite for a Market presented a Report the Consideration of which was postponed.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to. Resolved that the Street Commissioner and Superintendant of Repairs be directed to cause the Yard attached to the Public Workshop near the Arsnel to be filled up and regulated.

The Council of the Board on the Reference to him relative to the powers of the Commissioners of Assessment on Bridge Street reported verbally. That in his Opinion [70] the powers of the Commissioners extended to the Case Contemplated by the Resolution. The Resolution of Aldn Coles was then called up and read in the words following Resolved that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed to perform certain duties in relation to the widening of Bridge Street in the first Ward of this City. be and they are hereby requested in Pursuance of Authority given them in the 179th section of "an Act to reduce several Laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act" to include and comprise in their Estimate the residue of the following two. adjoining Lots of Ground and premises which shall be over and above what may be required for widening the above Street. to wit. The one belonging to the Heirs of the late George Codwise. and the other belonging to the Heirs of the late Kip as is supposed and believed. the said two Lots making together about sixty feet upon Bridge Street. about the same on Pearl Street and about twenty one feet on Broad Street—The aforesaid residue being required for Public uses. The Question being taken thereon and a division being called by Alderman Coles it passed in the Negative as follows

Negative				Affirmative		
	Mr Recorder	Smith		Aldermen	Coles	
Aldermen.	Conrey	Buckmaster		"	Mapes	
"	Alburtis	Munson		Mr	Underhill	
"	Burtis	Brown		"	Tallman	4
[71] Mr	Lorillard	Stone				
"	McQueen	Akerly				
"	Cooper	Thorp	14			

On Motion the Board proceeded to Ballot for a Keeper of the City Penatentiory when on Counting the Ballots William Hooghland had a Majority of Votes whereupon it was Ordered that William Hoogland be appointed Keeper of the City Penitentiory

It was also Resolved That the Keeper of the City Penatentiory be in the discharge of his Official Duty under the Direction and controul of the Commissioner of the Alms House

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Lorillard, Ordered that a Committee be appointed to consider and report on the propriety of repealing all Ordinances prohibiting the sale of Meats, Poultry &c in other places than Public Markets which was referred to Mr Lorillard Aldn Buckmaster Mr Stone

Mr Akerly presented a Resolution to appoint a Committee to enquire into the propriety of prohibiting the Sale of certain Fish at Improper seasons in the public Markets. which was referred to Mr Akerly Aldn Coles Mr Lorillard

[72] The Committee on Arts and Sciences presented the following Report

The Committee on the Arts and Sciences beg leave to Report in addition to their former Report of the Inst on the distribution of the unoccupied Rooms in the Old Alms house. that they omitted to Notice an entry between Mr Scudders Museum and the Rooms designated in their report aforesaid. Wherefore they now Report. That the said entry be appropriated to the use of Mr Griscom upon the Conditions of the former Report and provided he abandons the small Pantry adjoining the Room given to the Academy of the Arts and that he accomodate the Historical Society with the use of the Room assigned to him. to deliver by some one of their Authorized Members lectures on Mineralogy provided they do not interfere with Mr Griscom in lecturing at the same time with him

Decr 23rd 1816.

Samuel Akerly
Arthur Burtis
T. R. Smith

Which was read and approved

The Report of the Committee of the Fire Department on the Subject of an Application to the Legislature for a Law to Authorize the sinking Cisterns was called up and agreed to and the Council was directed to prepare the Memorial agreeably thereto

Alderman Burtis proposed the following Resolution [73] which was agreed to—Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be

directed to prepare an Alphabetical list of all the Firemen in the City, designating also the length of time they have served as Firemen, in order that they may be furnished by the said Clerk with a Certificate agreeably to the Directions of the Law in that case made and provided

Mr Talman presented the following.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of extending the Fire Limits of this City and that they report at the next Meeting of the Board which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department

On Motion Benjamin Demilt was removed from the Office of Regulator of the Public Clocks. and John Burger was appointed in his place

The Report of the Market Committee on the Disposal of Stall No 10. Washington Market was called up and after some Discussion and Consideration was further postponed

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$15.903.83
Warrants not presented	4.965.72
	$10.938.11

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the [74] payment of the following Accounts

John Sidell to pay Peace Officers at City Hall 25th Nov	22.
Thomas Freeborn nine Casks Oil	914.64
Joel West One Barrel Spirits Turpentine	16.56
Archd Smyth's Acct Regulating Washington St	600.
Hugh Smith's Acct Paving Washington St	350.
Charles Moneys Acct Regulating Franklin St	200.
David S. Jones, Costs in Supreme Court for opening Mott Street	172.75
Augustus Wright Commisr & Attorneys charges. widening Chapel Street	365.27
James Meghan repairing Intersections	29.59
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	5000.
Richard Furman for New Alms House	2000.
	9670.81
Balance	$1267.30

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at four O Clock

[75] In Common Council December 30th 1816

Present. The Honb. Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter A. Jay
Jonas Mapes		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence		Anthy L Underhill
Peter Conary		William Stone
Thomas R. Smith		Robert McQueen
William Alburtis		Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster		George B Thorp
Arthur Burtis		John H. Tallman
		Thomas Cooper

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

On Motion the Bonds of Submission in the Case of the Corporation and Messrs Bailey & Anderson were extended for the Report of the Referees to be made on the fifteenth day of January next

A Remonstrance of James Macomb against the Deposit of Manure near the One Mile Stone was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of James Boggs as Attorney for the [76] Heirs of Daniel McAndrew Deceased. Praying payment of the Sum of Forty eight Dollars and ninety six Cents paid as Estate of Intestate into the hands of the City Treasurer was read and referred to the Comptroller and Council of the Board and if upon examination it should appear that Sum belonged to Intestate's Estate and in the hands of the City Treasurer. that a Warrant be reported on the usual security being given.

A further request of the Consistory of the Dutch Church for the removal of the Engine House at Greenwich from their Lot was read and referred to the Committee on Fire department with Authority to make a temporary arrangement for the Station of said Engine

A Remonstrance from the Inhabitants in the Vicinity against the continuance of the Horse Market at the present place was read and referred to the Committee on the Petitions of Auctioneers

A Memorial of Robert Carnley for a Water Grant in front of his Property on Goerck Street on Manhattan Island was read and referred to the Corporation Council and Street Commissioner

A Memorial from the Directors of the saving Bank Praying that they may be authorized to [77] pay their deposits to the City Treasurer. and he to pay on the Draft of the Cashier of the Saving Bank, and a regular Interest Account to be kept at the rate of seven per Cent on all Sums paid and drawn out. was read and referred to Mr Akerly Aldn Coles Mr Burtis

A Petition of Henry Major stating an improper Assessment of Taxes on him was read and referred to the Comptroller to report facts

A Memorial of Edward Hitchcock Lessee of Public Slips Praying for the reasons therein stated that an abatement be made to him on the Rent agreed by him to be paid to the Corporation was Read and referred to the Committee on Wharves

A Memorial of Catharine Killegrew for an Assignment of a Lease of a Lot in William Street. and of John Connor to Assign a Lease of a Lot in Catharine Street were read and referred to the Comptroller with Authority to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners

The late Council (David S. Jones Esquire) presented the following.

The late Council of the Corporation has the Honor of presenting to the Common Council for Execution

[78] A Petition to the Supreme Court for the Alteration of the Improvement of Pearl Street and Cherry Street at George's Square— Which Petition is drawn conformably to the Report of the Committee to whom that subject was referred, and which was lately adopted by the Board

Respectfully Submitted

Decr 30th 1816. D. S. Jones

Whereupon Resolved that Mr Jones prepare a Petition to the Supreme Court. altering. the line from that formerly agreed to so as to include the Ground to the Westward of the House occupied by De Witt Clinton Esquire, and that the Eastern line be carried in a direct line with the Western end of said House to Pearl Street, and that said Petition be duly executed

A Memorial of Robert Morris and of Robert Morris and James Ludlum. Praying for a Water Grant opposite their Lots at Brooklyn on Long Island were read and referred to the Comptroller. Council of the Board and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Charles N. Baldwin to construct a Vault corner of Chamber and Catharine Streets was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with Authority to grant on usual terms

The Street Commissioner presented an Assess- [79] ment for Regulating and Paving Greenwich Street from Charlton to Hammersley Street which was confirmed. and Wait Munson was appointed Collector for the same He also presented a Profile shewing the proposed Regulation of Beekman Street. between Pearl Street and the

East River which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Market in the first Ward to be erected on the Lot Corner of Pearl and Broad Streets were read and referred to the Market Committee

Alderman Coles moved that the Board reconsider the Vote taken at the last meeting on the Resolution presented by him in relation to Lots in Bridge Street. The same having been seconded and the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative

A Petition of Jacob Hays and Aaron Williams was presented stating that in June One thousand eight hundred and fifteen by direction of the Police Magistrates they seized a quantity of Powder that was Conveyed in a Cart not secured in Bags agreeably to the Laws of this State That Aaron Williams prosecuted the Cartman James Duval for said Offence before the Mayor and two Aldermen (John Ferguson. Jonas Mapes and Peter McCartie) Agreeably to Law, who condemned the said Powder to the use of said Williams, who sold the same for his own benefit

That after said Condemnation the District Attorney of [80] the United States commenced a prosecution against Petitioners for Trespass in seising said Gun Powder. That the Trial of said Cause came on before the District Court of the United States on Thursday last that the seizure of said powder having been proved on part of the United States. Petitioners offered to prove the facts and the Conviction above stated, but the Judge refused to let in said Evidence on the Ground that the Law of the State of New York could not be Applicable to persons acting under the Authority of the United States nor to United States property. That Petitioners Council took an exception to said decision of the Judge and the Jury under direction of the Judge found a Verdict against Petitioners for Three hundred Dollars Damages and Costs. The Petitioners thus stated the Circumstances to the Common Council under the belief that they might wish the Decision to be revised before a superior Tribunal and in the hope that in any event they will not suffer the Petitioners to be losers in a transaction directed by the Magistrates. and in support of the Laws of the State—Thereupon the same was Referred to the Committee on Laws and the Counsel of the Board, to report thereupon and to direct the appeal to be pursued if in their opinion proper

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—The City [81] Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for the Correction of sundry Nuisances viz

N° 1. Nathaniel Ward owner & Occupant	N° 18.	Lombardy Street	A Privy
2. W^m Buddington Owner & Occupant	20.	D°	D°
3. Mary Kimmens D° D°	22	D°	D°
4 Dan^l Phillips Owner Ann Williams Occupant	24	Lombardy S^t	D°
5. Ross Duffy Owner & Occupant	32	D°	D°
6 John Benham Owner. David Gillespie Occu^t	34	Lombardy S^t	D°
7. Charles M^cCarty Owner. T. H. Huther Occup^t	50	Lombardy Street	D°
8. Jacob Hedden Owner Mary Anderson Occup^t	52	Lombardy Street	D°
9 Sam^l Tooker Agent Ann Morton Occupant	98	Lombardy S^t	D°
10 Sam^l Tooker Agent Frederick Stephenson Occup^t	100	Lombardy S^t	D°
11 Sam^l Tooker. Agent. Stephen P. Brillon Occup^t	102	Lombardy Street	D°
12 Benj^n Pell Owner. John Stinman Occup	114	D°	D°
13. D^r S^l Akerly Owner. Amos Bacon Occup^t	130	D°	D°
14. Peter Wilson Owner, Rufus Thomas Occup^t	136	D°	D°
15 Sam^l Borden Owner. And^w *Servear* [Surre] Occupant	134	Pump Street	D°
16 Sam^l Borden Owner & Occup^t	138	D°	D°
17. Joseph Stanbury Owner & Occup^t	108	Orange S^t	D°
18. Leonard Kip Owner. Cha^s Denison Occup^t	179	Washington Street	D°
19. Mary Fash Administratrix. Peter Miller Occup^t	62.	Harman S^t	D°
20. M^rs Ann Bancker Owner	86	D°	D°
21 Jn° Clark Owner. Moses Ward Occup^t	10	Pearl S^t	D°
22. John Clark Owner. Isaac Marquand Occup^t	12	Pearl S^t	D°
23. [82] M^rs Mary Watson Owner. M^rs Betsey Rogers Occup^t	8	State Street	D°

24. Mrs Carey Ludlow Owner. Mrs Margt Bradish Occut.....	9 State Street	A Privy
25. Dr Nicholas Romayne Owner Mrs Henrietta Anderson Occupant...	10 State Street	Do
26. John Watts Junr Owner. Eleaser Hathaway Occupt	11 State St	Do
27. Joseph Corree Owner, Mrs Margaret Bradish Occupt	12 State Street	Do
28. Vincent Few Owner. Jno Thomas Occupt	5 Cheapside St	Do
29. Richd Doughty Owner. Saml Whaley Occupt	7 Cheapside Street	Do
30 Isaac Williams Owner. Thos Willet Occupt	13 Cheapside St	Do
31. Mrs Mary McCrea Owner. Ephraim Place Occupt	31 Cheapside St	Do
32. Jno Benham Owner. H. Redden Occupant	41 Cheapside Street	Do
33. Jno Benham Owner Phineas Spilman Occupt	43 Cheapside Street	Do
34. Benjn Joseph. Agent. Thos Van Bramer Occupant	9 Cheapside Street	Do

George Cuming City Inspector

Which was Passed

The Comptroller on the Petition of Adam Thompson Reported as follows

The Comptroller Respectfully Reports on the Petition of Adam Thompson. Referred on the second Inst wishing to purchase or Lease a piece of Ground adjoining the Engine House No 40. on Mulberry Street near Broome Street. Agreeably to the Map accompanying this it appears that the ground unappropriated is—Thirty six feet in width on Mulberry Street and twenty five feet deep. Mr Thompson will take it on Lease [83] for Fourteen Years from the first of January One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, at an Annual Rent of Twenty six Dollars, which is deemed an Equitable price The Approbation of the Board will be Necessary if they shall Judge proper to confirm the Lease—which Report was approved

Respectfully Submitted

Decemr 30th 1816. G. N. Bleecker Comptr

The Comptroller also presented a communication—recommending that an accurate Map should be made of the Inclenbergh and Hamilton Square Lots which was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to take Order thereon

The Attorney of the Board presented a Report on the Subject of Captn Seeley who had incurred Penalties for not reporting Passengers which was referred back to the Attorney with directions to report the facts thereon

The Council of the Board presented the Draft of a Lease to John Griscom for Certain Rooms in the Old Alms House. which was approved & directed to be duly executed

The Council of the Board presented Drafts of Petitions to the Supreme Court for Appointing Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment. for enlarging extending [84] and Improving Harman Street and for enlarging. Improving and Extending Collect Street which were directed to be duly Authenticated

He also agreeably to Order presented a Memorial to the Legislature, and a Bill corrisponding there with to be Enacted into a Law to Authorize the Common Council to sink Cisterns in the Streets and to Assess the expences of the same on the Adjacent property benefitted thereby. Which was approved and directed to be duly authenticated and Transmitted to the Legislature

The Committee on the Petition of Saul Alley Reported in favour of remitting the fine incurred by Petitioner. Which was directed to be referred to the Council of the Board to consider and report how far the right of the Common Council to remit extends

The Committee to whom had been referred the several Memorials and Remonstrances respecting Hackney Carriages presented a Report A Remonstrance against the Establishment of a Hackney Stand in Broad Street, and a similar Remonstrance against the Establishment of a Stand in Pearl Street were presented and read. Whereupon after some debate the following Report amended was agreed to

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of Hack Carriages Recommend as their Report, That the Stand at Trinity Church be broken up. And that from and [85] after the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and seventeen no Hack Carriage be permitted to stand at Trinity Church for the purpose of hire. And your Committee would recommend to continue the stands for Hack Carriages until the first day of May One thousand eight hundred and seventeen. and that from and after said day no Hack Carriage

be permitted to stand in any Street in the City for Hire—All which is Respectfully Submitted

Reuben Munson
30th Decemr 1816. Th. R. Smith
A. H Lawrence

The Committee on the Petition of Adam and Noah Brown and Daniel D. Tompkins for Accommodation for their Steam Boat Reported in favour of Petitioners which was approved. And it was referred to the following Committee to confer with Petitioners as to the period for which the same should be granted and the Rent to be paid therefor—It was also Referred to same Committee to consider and Report upon the propriety of removing the Hay Scales from White Hall Street

Committee Aldn John B. Coles Aldn George Buckmaster Aldn Peter Conrey

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller. on the Account of Abel. W. Hardenbrook. which Report of the Comptroller was as follows. The Comptroller Respectfully [86] informs the Board that on the examination of the inclosed Account of Abel W. Hardenbrook for Repairs to Engines from 1 July 1814 to 8 June 1816. Amount $5278.52 there is charged a Commission of 15 per Cent on $3646.84 for sundry Bills included in the above mentioned Account. which were to be paid by Mr Hardenbrook. As the Account has not been adjusted. It is Respectfully submitted to the Board the propriety or not of allowing the Commission charged. Should the Board be of Opinion that all Accounts for the future in the Fire Department should be examined and Liquidated by the Chief Engineer previous to their presentment for settlement, the Public Interest would be benefitted by such a procedure —Respectfully Submitted

Novr 18. 1816. G. N. Bleecker Comptr

The Committee on Finance Report as their Opinion on the Subject of the within Communication that Mr Abel W. Hardenbrook be allowed a Commission of Ten per Cent on $3646 84/100

New York Decr 30. 1816 Respectfully Submitted
Th. R. Smith
Reuben Munson
A. H. Lawrence
Jacob Lorillard
Wm Alburtis

The Finance Committee having Reported as their Opinion [87] that the Sum of Ten per Cent be allowed on Three thousand Six hundred and forty six Dollars and eighty four Cents to Mr Hardenbrook in his Account which was approved

The Comptroller and Council of the Board on the Petition of Simon and Rem Remsen. presented a Report which was Referred back to them with the addition of Mr Jay. Aldn Smith Aldn Lawrence

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner on the Petition for Widening Water Street between Burling Slip and Fulton Street. Reported that in their Opinion it would be a great Improvement if that part of the Street was widened to Fifty feet. Which was approved. and the Council of the Board was directed to take the Legal measures thereupon

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Commissioner and Superintendant of Repairs to cause the Houses in Broom and Washington Streets to be Numbered. and that it be referred to them to Report a general plan for the Numbering of the Houses throughout the City

Alderman Alburtis presented the following

Resolved that the Council of the Board be directed to make enquiry whether the Report of the Street Committee and Street Commissioner of the 28th of November 1815 Respecting [88] Removing obstructions out of Orange Street has been acted on and if not that he take legal Measures to carry the same into Effect

Alderman Smith presented the following

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby directed and required to take especial charge of the Records, Minutes and Papers of this Board and if there be any now missing. that they be without delay collected together

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to provide a Suitable Office in the City Hall for the safe keeping of the same, and for the use of the Clerk and in future that none of the Records be taken from said Office without permission first obtained from the Mayor—which was approved and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences to carry into Effect

Mr Akerly presented a Resolution for the Appointing of a Committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Library for the use of the Common Council which was agreed to and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

Mr Akerly also presented the following

Resolved that the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour be directed to Report to the Common Council the State of their Funds as required

by the Act of the [89] Legislature of New York Passed March 25th 1814 and that the Clerk of the Common Council furnish the President of said Trustees with a Copy of this Resolution

Decr 30th 1816. Which was approved and the Clerk directed to serve a Copy of the same on the President of the Board of Trustees

Alderman Smith presented sundry Resolutions to regulate the disposition in future of the Stalls of the several Markets which were read and laid on the Table

Resolved that the Consideration of the Revised Laws. be the Order of the day for the next Meeting

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	12.175.01
Warrants not presented	4.789.57
	$7385.44
Van Wart and Gardner Watch 1st District	498.75
Walton and Hibbard " 2nd "	670.25
Norris and Anderson " 3 "	670.25
Bleakley and Brower " 4 "	413.
Gould. Banks & Gould. Books for Corporation	234.23
Thos P. Low. Printing from 1st Novr to 30th Decr	42.50
Moses Hoyt 10 days Attending at Love Lane to prevent Horse Racing	20.
Mattw Crane late Keeper Penitentiary 1st Novr to 26th Decr	122.74
Daniel H. Magie. Keeper Potters field 1 Mo 1 Jany	46.50
[90] Astin and Cockran Messengers 1 Month 1 Jany	60.
Willm J. Waldron Asst City Inspector 1 Mon	62.
Obadiah Ayres Do	62.
Benjamin Hicks Do	62.
George Mills Do	62.
Phillips, Lewis & Martin Repg Pumps 10th Ward	92.24
Henry Brush Do 7 Ward	36.
Beebee and Angus Do 10 Ward	16. 9
John M. Combs Do 7 Ward	14.62
Mark Reed, Balce Well & Pump Leonard Street	90.89
Mark Reed Balce Well & Pump Franklin St	84.38
Archd Smith on Regulating Washington Street	500.
Archd Ball. Balce paving Elm Street	151.73
Richd Kidney Paving side Walk at Economical School (Lien on Lot)	28.75
Richd Campbell Repg side Walks for Corporation	11.83
Jas Wallace late Supert Repairs to pay 4 Accts	68.53
Peter Hawk 6 Oars & Repg Barge of floating Engine	13.25
Geo. Snethen. Superg Lighting Lamps 1 Mo 30 Decr	632. 8
Jacob P. Roome Supert Repairs for Workmen	1000.
F. B. Winthrop Jr Treasr City Dispensary 1 Qr to 1 Jany	250.
Comstock & Sawyer Six Casks Oil	688.37
	$7604.98
	$680.46

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at four O Clock

[91] In Common Council January 6th 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John B Coles	Peter Augustus Jay
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence	Anthony L Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
William Alburtis	Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster	George B. Thorp
Arthur Burtis	John H. Tallman
Nicholas Fish	Thomas Cooper
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

The Consideration of the revised Laws and Ordinances of the Corporation having been made the Order of the day the same was moved to be taken up and agreed to—A Number of the Laws Reported by the Committee were taken up read amended and were laid on the Table.

A Memorial of Marinus Willett praying reimbursement of part of expence on a Bulkhead at foot of Delancy [92] Street which was presented on the fifteenth of August 1815 and Referred to the Committee on Wharves but not Reported on. was again presented and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A. further Memorial of Jonathan Ware for a Room in the Old Alms house was Read and laid on the Table

A Memorial of Thomas Scott Praying payment of Balance due to him on Contract for paving Fulton Street. was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A. further Remonstrance from a Number of Inhabitants against Jacob Levein an Inspector of Fire Wood and requesting his Removal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A. Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against opening Beekman Street to Front Street was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner

Petitions of John B. E. Chaux and of Samuel Clark for remission of Penalties incurred by selling Liquor without Licence were read and referred to the Attorney of the Board. with Authority to remit on payment of Costs. and their taking out their Licences

[93] A. Petition of H. Spicer for Stall No 10. Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee

A. Remonstrance against filling in Spring Street was Read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A. Petition from Montgomery R. Bartlett praying that the Room above the Engine house in Beaver Street may be rented to him for a School Room was read and referred to the Alderman of the first Ward. Comptroller and Chief Engineer.

A. Memorial of James Swan praying an abatement of Rent for the House rented by him from the Corporation was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A. Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that West Street may be opened and made from Cortlandt to Harison Street was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the third and fifth Wards and Street Commissioner

A. Representation in behalf of George Herrick Isaac Skaats and John Talman. Firemen who were severely injured at the late Fire in John Street and recommending them to some pecuniary aid from the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department [94] and Chief Engineer

A. Petition of Robert Henley Master of Ship Erin for remission of Penalty incurred by not reporting Passengers was read and penalty remitted on Payment of Costs

A. Memorial of B Lies that he had invented a Ladder to be used to save persons from a Dwelling house when on fire. was read and referred to Committee on Fire Department.

A. Communication from a Committee on behalf of Sundry Carpenters Cabinet Makers &c on the Subject of the prohibition of piling Timber in Yards. requesting to be heard by a Committee of the Common Council was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department and Chief Engineer

A. Petition of Ephraim Ginnings to be relieved from his Contract for opening first, second and third Divisions of the third Avenue was read and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner

The Subject of opening Roosevelt Street was called up and Referred to Ald^{n} Munson Ald^{n} Lawrence Ald^{n} Burtis

[95] An Application from Abel W. Hardenbrook Complaining of a Deduction of five per Cent from the charge made in his Account. and requesting to be allowed the same was read. and on the Question of allowing him the same it passed in the Negative.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen. the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

N° 2 Hook & Ladder

James Bird. vice Samuel Abbot exp[d] for neglect duty

N° 11.

William W. Lowerre vice John Whitlock resigned

N° 12.

Peter Van Cott, Additional

N° 18

Samuel M. Blackford Additional

N° 20

Robert Wiley v. Thomas J. Reynolds resigned

A Communication was received from John Randell Junior, detailing the mode of his executing the Contract made by him with the Corporation for measuring & placing Monumental Stones on the Streets and Avenues in order that the Corporation might Judge of the further Compensation he ought to receive for his Services, which was read and referred to the former Committee viz[t] Ald[n] Fish—Coles & Munson

[96] The City Inspector presented an Ordinance for the Correction of Nuisances, which was passed

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for the Correction of sundry Nuisances. viz

N° 1. M[rs] Susan Akerly, Owner & Occupant	133	Cherry St	A p[r]ivy
2 Edward Jessup Lessee and Occupant	135	D°	D°
3 M[rs] Hannah Courtney Owner George Buckmaster Esq[r] Occupant.....	155	Cherry S[t]	D°
4 M[rs] Hannah Courtney Owner. Baker & Robinson Occupt[s]	150	Cherry S[t]	D°
5. John Van Sicklen Owner & Occup[t].	165	D°	D°
6 John Van Sicklen Owner. Isaac Bloomfield Occup[t]	167	Cherry S[t]	D°
7. David Brooks Owner. Smith place Occup[t]	173	D°	D°
8. George Buckmaster Esq[r] George Niven Occup[t]	183	Cherry Street	D°
9. M[rs] Helen Carter Owner. James Buckley Occup[t]	235	Cherry Street	D°
10 William Ball Owner. Duncan M[c]-Euen Occupt	238	Cherry Street	D°

11. Ebenezer Allen Owner and Occupant	241 Cherry Street	
		A p[r]ivy
12. Benjamin Ackerly Owner. Stephen Jennings Occup[t]	249 Cherry S[t]	D[o]
13. Benjamin Pell Owner, Will[m] P. Morgan Occupant	9 Pelham S[t]	D[o]
14 Benjamin Pell Owner. Richard Churchwood Occup[t]	8 Pelham S[t]	D[o]
15 Benjamin Pell Owner. Elijah P. Grumley Occup[t]	5 Pelham S[t]	D[o]
16. Benjamin Pell Owner. H. A. Merry Occup[t]	4 Pelham S[t]	D[o]
17. Benjamin Pell Owner. Walter Seaman Occup[t]	3. Pelham S[t]	D[o]
18. Benjamin Pell Owner W[m] F. Reades Occup[t]	2 Pelham S[t]	D[o]
19. Benjamin Pell Owner. Moses Gale Occup[t]	1 Pelham S[t]	D[o]
20. M[rs] Catharine. M[c]Andrew Lessee....	86. Harman S[t]	D[o]
21. Lewis Johnson. Jacob Cannon & Thomas Harris Lessees.....	63. Bancker S[t]	D[o]

6[th] Jan[y] 1817 George Cuming City Insp[r]

[97] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Regulating and paving Sixth Street, between Rivington and Stanton Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector

The Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of S[t] Stephens Church for opening first street to the first Avenue Reported in favour of the same. which was read—Alderman Fish presented a Resolution to open the same to North Street which was Negatived. The Question was then taken on the Report of the Committee and was agreed to—Alderman Fish gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration of the Vote taken on the Rep[t] of the Committee

The Attorney of the Board who was directed to Report upon the Case of Capt[n] Seth Seeley Reported as follows

The Attorney of the Board Respectfully reports that Capt[n] Seely has since his last Report incurred penalties for not Reporting Passengers at the Mayors Office

He has since Reported said Passengers to the Mayors Office and

stated to the Attorney that he did not do the same Intentionally but through Ignorance of the Law

He therefore respectfully submits the same to the Board for a Remission of the Penalties on payment of Costs

Decr 30th 1816. A. Sherman

Whereupon. Resolved that the fine incurred by said Captn Seely be remitted on payment of Costs

[98] The Council of the Board in the Case of Saul Alley Reported as follows

The Council of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of Saul Alley. praying to be relieved from the Penalties incurred by him for having Gun Powder in his Possession.

Respectfully Reports. That in the 66th Section of the Act. entitled "An Act to reduce several Laws. relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act" it is provided. that the penalty therein imposed for keeping Gunpowder in the City of New York may be recovered with Costs of Suit in any Court having cognizance thereof, "by any person or persons who will Sue for the same." The Council is therefore of Opinion that there is no power vested in the Corporation to remit the Penalty incurred by the Petitioner. Respectfully Submitted

6th January 1817. Ogden Edwards

Which was approved

The Council of the Board presented a Petition to the Supreme Court for the Appointing Commissioners of Estimate and Expence for enlarging Orange Street between Cross and Chatham Streets which was directed to be duly executed

It was also Ordered that the Petition directed to be made to the Supreme Court for Appointing of Commissioners of Estimate and Expence for widening Water Street be prepared and authenticated during the Recess of the Board

[99] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Aaron Williams and Jacob Hays Reported

To the Honorable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Hays and Aaron Williams Junior

Respectfully Report

That it has appeared to them that the Petitioners were directed by the Police Officers of this City to seize a Cart Load of Gunpowder

which was carrying thro Broadway. without being secured in the manner prescribed by the Law of this State. That they obeyed such directions. and that the Powder was regularly condemned by a Court consisting of the Mayor of the City and two Aldermen—That a Suit was Commenced against them in the District Court of the United States on behalf of the said United States to whom the Powder belonged and a Verdict found against them for the Value of the Powder—The Judge of that Court having decided that property of the United States was not Subject to the Laws of this State—The Petitioners Pray that the Corporation will Indemnify them. or else direct a Writ of Error to be brought in order that the Decision of the District Court may be reviewed.

Your Committee thinking that the principle Established by this Decision is one very important to the [100] City. have thought it expedient (without expressing any Opinion of their own) to have the Question finally settled in order that the Magistrates in future may know with presicion the extent of their Jurisdiction, and have therefore in pursuance of the power given them by the Common Council given directions to prosecute a Writ of Error for the Com^ee

6 Jan 1817. P. A. Jay Chairman

Which was approved, and the Appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States directed to be prosecuted

The Committee on the Petition of Robert Morris and James Ludlum Reported

The Council and Comptroller Respectfully Report on the Petition of Robert Morris by James A. Hamilton his Attorney—And on the Petition of Robert Morris and James Ludlum by James A. Hamilton their Attorney—for Water Grants in front of his and their Property at Brooklyn from high to low Water mark That Grants should Issue to the Applicants on the usual terms—Respectfully submitted

Jan^y 6. 1817. G. N. Bleecker Compt^r
Ogden Edwards
Jn^o M^cComb S^t Com^r

Which was approved, and the Council directed to prepare Grants agreeably thereto

[101] The Committee to whom the Subject of the claim of Simon Remsen and Rem Remsen was referred. Reported

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Simon Remsen and Rem Remsen. Respectfully Report

That on the 14^th day of January 1806. the Petitioners obtained a

Verdict against the Corporation to the amount of $3.000 for certain ground at Burling Slip—That that Sum was assessed upon property in that Neighbourhood and was received by the Corporation—That on the first day of March following. the said ground was taken possession of by the Corporation—That it does not appear that the said Sum was ever paid or tendered to the Petitioners—Under these Circumstances the Committee are of opinion that the Petitioners are entitled to receive from the Corporation the amount of the said Verdict together with Interest upon the same from the 1st day of March aforesaid

Respectfully Submitted

6 Janʸ 1817.

Peter Augustus Jay
Th. R. Smith.

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor

The Committee on the Petition of the Society for the Promotion of Industry Reported

The Committee to whom the Petition of the Society for the promotion of Industry was Referred

Beg leave to Report That a Donation of Five hundred [102] Dollars would be applied to a very laudable Institution and having full Confidence in the Ladies having government of the same—All which is Respectfully Submitted

New York Janʸ 6. 1817.

J Brown
A. L. Underhill
Arthur Burtis
G. Buckmaster
} Committee

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for Five hundred Dollars for the same

His Honor the Mayor as President of the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour. Reported Verbally. that the Board of Trustees had directed a statement of the Funds of that Institution to be made out. which would be done and shortly presented to the Common Council

Resolved that the following Gentlemen compose the Committee to whom the Subject of the Remonstrance of this Board to the Legislature. as to the Repeal of the Law granting to the Corporation a portion of the Duties on Sales at Auction be committed. And that they be requested to proceed forthwith to Albany and present the remonstrance to the Legislature and pursue such Measures for the Attainment of the object of their Mission as to them shall appear Just and

necessary [103] and in case it shall be Inconvenient to any of the Members to go that the Committee be Authorized to supply the Vacancy

Committee. Aldn Buckmaster Aldn Mapes Mr Furman Mr Edwards

Ordered that the Street Commissioner take Measures forthwith to sell and remove the House late owned by Luke Kip in Mott Street.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	10,301.61
Warrants not presented	3109.65
	$7191.96

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

John Bedient Coroners fees 3 Months to 1. Jany	384.77
Benjn Crane Stationary from 24th June to 1 Jany	123.31
Mercantile Advertiser Subscription 6 Months "	75.
Isaac Loofborrow Regulr Clock Rutgers St 6 Months to 1 Novr	33.33
Jacob Morton Indexing 31st Volume Minutes	60.
B. Skaats 1 Box Spermacita Candles	15.61
Jonathan Weeden Deputy Street Comr 1 Mo 1 Jany	52.
Samuel Hutchings Do	52.
John Smith Do	52.
James Boggs. Attorney for Heirs of David McAndrew Intestate	46.96
John Becker two Load of Stone for Pier Jay Street	58.50
[104] Abraham Storms. Repr Piers New Albany Bason Octr 1815 Corporation one half	138.74
John Anderson 2nd Installt Piers at Dey Street	1794.43
James Leahman Repairr Pumps 1 & 3 Wards	104.11
Erasmus Lewis Do 3d Ward	97.50
John Fine & Co Do 2nd 5th & 8th Wards	61.13
Isaac Baptist Do 4th & 6th Wards	37. 6
B. Boyden Do 3rd Ward	32.39
James Richardson Cleaning Wells 6th 7th 8th 10th Wds	17.18
C. O Neil Acct Well and Pump P. M St	100.
Luke Kip Award *fott* [for] Mott Street	262.50
John Culbert Acct paving Pump Street	100.
Thos Corbley Repairing Intersections	51.67
Peter Bonnett Interest on Bond 6. Mo 3rd Jany	97.54
Reuben Munson Esqr to pay Work 1st Avenue	500.
Caleb Horton Award for 13th Street	1035.
Abel W. Hardenbrook Balce for work to Engines	596.19
Richard Furman Supert Alms House	1000.
	6978.92
Balance	$213. 4

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at four O Clock

[105] Special Meeting Bellevue In Common Council January 8th 1817.

Present. The Hon^ble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

John B. Coles	Aldermen	Jacob Lorillard	Assistants
Jonas Mapes.		Anthony L. Underhill	
Peter Conrey		John Brown	
Thomas R. Smith		William Stone	
George Buckmaster		Samuel Akerly	
Arthur Burtis		George B. Thorp	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas Cooper	
Reuben Munson			

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that it having been intimated by several Members of the Common Council. that as the Legislature of the State would shortly be in Session. it would be Important that some definitive measures should be taken to prevent if possible the passing of the Bill now before them for repealing the Law granting to this Corporation a portion of the Duties on Sales at Auction. which was given to aid in the relief of foreign Poor which might become chargeable upon this City.

That among other measures it was deemed expedient to have [106] a full and free Communication of sentiments on this subject with the Representatives to the Legislature from this City he had therefore upon the advice of several Members of the Board summoned the Common Council together for that purpose at this place, and invitations had also been given to the Representatives in the Legislature from this City to meet the Council here in order that they might from their personal Observations see the accomodations which were furnished to the Poor. And also from an Examination of the Books of this establishment learn the proportion of foreign Paupers which were maintained by this City and the expences attending the same

The Memorial which had been formerly Reported to the Board and agreed to was then read And upon Motion it was referred back to the former Committee on that subject to make certain amendments which were then suggested. and to introduce into the Body of the Memorial the statement of the expences exhibited by the Documents as furnished from the Alms house Department Committee M^r Recorder M^r Jay Ald^n Smith

On Motion of M^r Akerly it was referred to the following Committee to enquire and Report as to the Amount and expenditures of the fund arising from the Hospital Money received by the United

States in the [107] Port of New York—Committee—Mr Akerly Mr Lorillard Aldn Munson

Alderman Fish withdrew the Notice he had given at the last meeting for the reconsideration of the vote on the Report of the Committee relating to the opening of First Street Whereupon the Council was directed to take the legal Measures for carrying said Report into effect—and that the Petition therefor to the Supreme Court be authenticated in the recess of the Board

The Committee on the Resolution respecting a Room for the Clerk of the Common Council presented the following.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the Board directing that a suitable Room in the City Hall be assigned as an Office for the Clerk of the Common Council for the safe keeping of the Papers appertaining thereto

Report that the Room at present occupied by the Clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and of the Sessions, is the most Convenient. and would at the same time answer as a Committee Room for the several Committees of the Common Council for which it was originally intended—They therefore recommend that that Room be assigned to the Clerk of the Corporation from and after the first day of February next, and that [108] the Room at present occupied by the Register of the Court of Chancery be Assigned to the Clerk of the Sessions in Lieu of the Room he now occupies, and that a suitable Room for the safe keeping of the papers of the Register be procured, if the same be required by him

Respectfully Submitted

Nichs Fish
Samuel Akerly
Arthur Burtis
Th R. Smith

Which was approved

Mr Akerly from the Committee on the Subject presented a Resolution respecting the establishment of a Library for the use of the Members of the Common Council. which was read and laid for Consideration

[109] In Common Council January 13th 1817.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John B Coles	Peter A. Jay
Jonas Mapes.	Jacob Lorillard
Peter Conrey	Anthony L Underhill
Thomas R Smith	John Brown
William Alburtis	William Stone
George Buckmaster	Robert McQueen
Arthur Burtis	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	George B. Thorp
	John H. Talman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved

A Memorial was received from John, Robert and Samuel Swartwout stating that they have received from John Stevens Esquire the exclusive right of ferriage from Hoboken to New York, and have also obtained from him an Assignment of the Lease from the Corporation for the Ferry from Vesey Street to Spring Street inclusive That they propose by the first of May next to run two Horse Boats and other Craft for the Accommodation of the [110] Public—That this Improvement will cause to the proprietors a heavy expenditure—they therefore sollicit an Assignment of Suitable Wharves and an extention of their Lease Whereupon Resolved that the same be Referred to the Ferry Committee and Comptroller

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the first Ward stating that since the removal of the Exchange Market they are without an Alarm Bell in Case of Fire. and requesting a Bell to be placed in that Vicinity, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Memorial of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn stating that very large Quantities of Gun Powder were stored in the Vicinity of the said place, to the great danger of that Town. as well of the City of New York and requesting the Common Council to unite with them in an Application to the Legislature to pass a Law to remedy the same was read and referred to Aldn Buckmaster Aldn Mapes Aldn Conrey and the Attorney of the Board

A Petition of William Stewart for reimbursement of Tax improperly Assessed and paid by him was read and referred to the Comptroller

[111] A Petition for Establishment of a Ferry from the foot of Grand Street in the City to Morrells Point on Long Island was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition for a Pump in Goerck Street between Grand and Broome Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinance therefor

A Recommendation of Daniel Bayles for the Appointment of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Memorial of William Welling Assistant Sealer of Weights and Measures. Recommending an Application to be made to the Legislature for certain Amendments in the Law on that subject was read and referred to Ald^{n} Smith Ald^{n} Burtis M^{r} Jay

A Memorial from James Campbell holding Stall N^{o} 33 Catharine Market and Matthew Byrne holding Stall N^{o} 8. Fly Market. requesting permission to Exchange Stalls with each other. was Read & referred to the Market Committee with Authority to grant the Prayer

A Recommendation of the Fire Wardens of the [112] Sixth Ward recommending the Appointment of John Ackerman and Michael Vermilyea as Fire Wardens in place of M. Hoyt removed from Ward. and Anthony Steenbeck Resigned was read and referred to the Chief Engineer

A Remonstrance against granting the upper part of the Watch House in Beaver Street for a School Room was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department and Chief Engineer

A Petition of John DeClew to Lease the Flagg Staff at the Battery was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places

A Petition that Charles Street between Washington and Herring Street be widened was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with Authority to grant the Prayer of Petitioners

The Committee on the Petition for the removal of a Pump in Murray Street. Referred on the fifteenth of September One thousand eight hundred and fifteen. Reported

The Committee to whom was referred the within Application Report that the persons subscribing the same have never consented to the terms proposed by the Board. they therefore beg to be discharged from any further [113] Consideration of the Subject.

New York Jan^{y} 13th 1817. Th R Smith
William Stone

which was approved and the Committee discharged

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that an Account remains unsettled against Gerardus and W^{m} Post for $1969.62.

Amount paid by the Corporation to Henry Allen Nov^{r} 6. 1815 for Repairing the Pier on the West side of Market Street Slip. with Interest on the same from that date—They refuse to pay the amount and are willing to relinquish their Interest in the Pier—It is deemed adviseable to Accept the Surrender as the property may be made productive for public purposes. And it is Accordingly recommended that the Board. Authorize the Counsel to take the Necessary Measures for completing the business

Respectfully submitted

Jan^{y} 13th 1817. G N Bleecker Compt^{r}

which was approved and the Surrender directed to be accepted

The Comptroller presented the following. "The Board agreed "to a Report of the Committee (at their last meeting) on the Petition "^{s} of Simon and Rem Remsen. for ground taken to widen Burling "Slip That payment be made to them of $3000. with Interest from "the 1st of March 1806.

"The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that [114] "Mess^{rs} Remsen are willing to accept of Bonds of the Corporation "in the following manner

1 Bond to Simon Remsen for one half payable in one Year with Interest at 7 per Cent per Annum	$2641.88
1 Bond to Rem Remsen for the Remainder payable in 6 Months with Interest at 7 per C^{t} per Ann	2641.87
Total	$5283.75

Should the Board approve of this arrangement the Bonds will be prepared Accordingly

Respectfully Submitted

Jan^{y} 13th 1817. G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}

Which was approved and Bonds directed to be executed agreeably thereto in the recess of the Board

The Comptroller presented the following The Comptroller Respectfully informs the Board that the Sum of $6209.12. was paid by the Corporation to John Anderson in the Years 1810 and 1811. for building a Pier on the West side of Charlotte Slip (now Pike Street Slip) Two thirds of this Sum with Interest remains unadjusted with Mess^{rs} Dunlap & Grant, who it would appear from the Original Grant, are bound to pay—It is Respectfully Recommended that the Council

of the Board. should be Instructed to Investigate the *the* legality of the Claim and to effect a Settlement of this Demand

Respectfully Submitted

Jan^{y} 13th 1817 G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}

[115] Which was agreed to and the Council was directed to report agreeably thereto.

The Chief Engineer presented the following

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At a Meeting of the Engineers of the Fire Department held the 9th Instant. James Scott Carpenter Foreman of Engine N^{o} 17. and James W. Dominick. Cabinet maker Foreman of Engine N^{o} 2. were selected from among the foremen. as suitable and in their opinion well qualified persons to fill the Station of Engineers which is Respectfully Submitted

New York 9th Jan^{y} 1817.

H. Roome Sec^{y} Tho^{s} Franklin Chief Eng^{r}

Which was approved and the persons appointed

The following person was Appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancy

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 39.

William Carlisle vice George Sharp Resigned. and that John E. Marcellin was dead and John J. Hubbard Edward Nisbet and Samuel Grise had left the City

The Committee on the Fire Department Reported on the Petition of B. Lies

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of B. Lies Inventor and Proprietor of a Machine called the Conflagration Ladder designed to rescue from the upper part of houses during Fires persons and property. Have duly examined his Model and the [116] Powers it possesses in raising with expedition Report That owing to its Bulk and weight and the Number of Men that it must take to mannage it. Think it inexpedient to recommend it being put in Operation

Arthur Burtis
A L. Underhill
Robert M^{c}Queen

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of John J. Westervelt. Josiah

Shippey Jun[r] and Garrit Sickles requesting an Increase of Salary. Respectfully Report

That they have duly considered the several Applications and are of Opinion that the Prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted

With respect to the first. The present Salary of the Purveyor of the Alms House (M[r] Westervelt) is Five hundred Dollars per Annum. This Sum for the Duties required and performed is deemed sufficient altho there is no doubt but the Office is well and ably filled

As relates to M[r] Shippey. whatever might have been his Claim to an Increase of Salary. there certainly at present can exist none, when the duties of his Office as Clerk to the Commissioners are greatly reduced by the Appointment of a Steward

In the Case of M[r] Sickles the Keeper of the Bridewell it will be perceived that several of [117] the duties he has been called on to perform are no longer required of him. Lost Children are now directed to be sent to the Old Alms House. as there also Paupers have a Temporary Shelter instead of being lodged in the Bridewell

With respect to the fees of the Establishment which form part of the Emoluments your Committee have not been able to ascertain any thing certain. In the time of M[r] Hazard however they were considered as from twelve to thirteen hundred Dollars per Annum. and since that time when the place was in the hands of M[r] Allen—still more Considerable

Independant of the foregoing considerations, your Committee believe that the present is no time for raising Salaries unless in very urgent Cases. but rather should a reduction thereof and curtailment of expences be looked for

When the People experience unexampled difficulty in paying their Taxes. when our Public Prints are crowded with Bankruptcies. our Bellevieu establishment filled with Tenants to an unprecedented degree. and the City threatened with being deprived of a very large amount which has for Years been appropriated to the Support of our numerous and increasing foreign Poor

All which is Respectfully Submitted

New York Jan[y] 13. 1817. Th. R. Smith
Samuel Akerly

Which was Approved.

[118] The Road Committee on the Petition of Ephraim Ginnings Reported.

The Road Committee together with the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Ephraim Ginnings. Contractor for

making a Road through the third Avenue. Praying that said Road may be received and he released from his Contract

Your Committee having directed an examination of said Road to be made with a View to ascertain whether it has been executed agreeable to the Contract

Respectfully Report that there appears to be a Considerable deficiency in the execution. and that the Corporation would be Justified by the Contra[c]t in retaining what Money is due on the Southern division of the Road until a final completion of the work They are also aware of the Impropriety of accepting of Work done by Contract before it is complete.

But as Mr Gennings has stated to them that his pecuniary affairs are in such a State of perplexity as will render it impossible for him to go on with the Work—Your Committee therefore with a view to bring this Business to a close would recommend that the Subject be submitted to two Indifferent persons with power to choose a third. who shall determine what sum ought to be allowed Mr Ginnings upon his surrendering the Contract—And in Order to facilitate the Settlement would further recommend that John Morss be [119] Appointed for that purpose on the part of this Board

which is Respectfully Submitted.

13 January 1817.

Reuben Munson
Thomas Cooper
William Stone
John McComb St Comr
J Brown

Which was approved and the appointment of Skeffington Silby on the part of Mr Gennings was acceded to

The Committee on the Petition of the New York Female Society Reported,

The Committee to whom the Petition of the New York Female Assistance Society was Referred beg leave to Report. That from the Representation made to your Committee they are of Opinion that a Donation of Four hundred Dollars would be applied to an Institution that deserves Public Encouragement all of which is Respectfully Submitted by

New York Jan 6 1816

J Brown
A L Underhill
Arthur Burtis
G. Buckmaster

Which was approved and a Warrant for Four hundred Dollars directed to be Reported

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution [120] directing the Committee on the Fire Department to take into Consideration and Report whether certain Commissions heretofore charged for repairs to Engines may not be done away which was Read and Referred to the said Committee on Fire Department.

Alderman Burtis presented a Resolution directing the Law relative to the Fire Wardens to be published [which] was Read and laid on the Table

Alderman Smith presented a Law to prohibit the exposure of certain hand Bills in the Streets which was read and laid for Consideration

Mr Akerly presented a Resolution for the Disposition of the Public Grounds in the Rear of the City Hall which was read and laid for Consideration

On Motion of Alderman Mapes it was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to consider and Report what Rewards should be given to persons who have been the means of discovering and bringing to Justice. Incendiaries who caused the former and late Fires in Mott Street and other Streets of this City.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Interments the last Year which was directed to [121] be published and Two hundred Copies to be Printed in Pamphlet form

The City Inspector Respectfully Reports to the Board a Statement of the Deaths in the City and County of New York for the Year 1816

The Number of Deaths were Two Thousand seven hundred and thirty nine. being an excess of Two hundred and thirty two. over what took place in the preceeding year This Increase in the Deaths may be accounted for from the increased population in the City, from the ravages of that pestilent Epidemic the Small Pox which carried of [f] in 1816 Eighty five persons more than those which became its victims in 1815. also from returns of Deaths. being made at his Office. some Sextons in distant parts of the Island during the last Year who had neglected to perform this necessary part of their Duty before that period—From these united Considerations the City Inspector is of Opinion that the City has been generally as healthy as heretofore. with the exception of the first Months of the past Year. which was unusually mortal. In Jany especially Ninety eight persons died of the " Small Pox " alone among whom was an aged. Woman of 97. Years. a Melancholy proof of the weakness of human Nature particularly in a City where an Institution exists capable by vaccination of averting

the Horrors of that loathsome and deadly disease and thereby preserving so many useful lives

The City Inspector observes that the Number [122] of Consumptive Cases were Six hundred and seventy eight exceeding by Sixty that which took place in 1815. He is of Opinion that many Cases were returned "Consumptive" which should have been reported under other heads. In Children particularly worms are known to be very fatal they pine under their influence and are from their changeing symptoms frequently misunderstood and therefore returned inaccurately—In Adults also many cases reported in like manner as "Consumptive" in reality spring from Irregularities, which the feelings of Relations and friends, induce to class in this general and sweeping complaint thus covering their Infirmities from the Public Observation, under the operation of very Natural and perhaps not unpraiseworthy Motives

The City Inspector also Reports a Letter received by him from Charleston S. C., covering the Yearly returns of Deaths in that City—It suggests the propriety of having the Annual returns for this City Printed as has been usually done. and requests Instructions to what Cities in the Union he may forward Copies which he understands has been Customary on such occasions

George Cuming. City Inspector

Abstract

Men	902
Women	720
Boys	603
Girls	514
	2739

Sig[d] George Cuming City Inspector

[123] Whereupon the said Report was directed to be published

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances which were passed—viz

N° 1. Matthew Hawkins Lessee.....	N° 12. Market S[t]	A Lot
" 2. John Johnson Owner John Cannon and Catharine Crow Occup[ts].....	38. Thomas Street	D°
" 3. Rev[d] Tho[s] Lyell Owner. Evander Child Occup[t]	41 Barclay S[t]	A Privy
" 4. David Logan Owner Tho[s] Wells Occup[t]	5 Market Street Slip	D°
5. David Logan Owner Jn° E Parke Occ[t]	3. Market S[t]	D°

6. Jas Fitz Patrick Lessee, J Mould Occt	4 Market St	A Privy
7. Jas Fitz Patrick Lessee 4½ Market St Jas Betts, Occupt.....		Do
8. Mary Fash Lessee & Adm and Occupt	6 Market St	Do
9. Jno Waldron Lessee, Jno Lane Occupt	10 Market St	Do
10. Matthew Hawkins Lessee, Jno Sprowls Occt	12 Market St	Do
11. Lewis Valloo Lessee, Peter Brush Occupt	13. Market St	Do
12. Mrs Harman Lessee, Josh Stears Occupt	25 Market St	Do
13. Patk McDermot Lessee, Walter Cuer Occupt	27 Market St	Do
14. Morris Martin Lessee, Henry Harmans Occupt	29 Market St	Do
15. Danl McCarty Owner, Benjn Ford Occupt	57. Market St	Do
16. Elizabeth Bennis Owner & Occupt..	59. Market St	Do
17. Elizabeth Bennis Owner, Josh M. Farrs Occupt	61 Market St	Do
18. Morris Oakley Lessee, Rebecca Owrey Occupt	62 Market St	Do
19. David Lyons owner, Jas Stevens Occupt	63 Market St	Do
20. David Lyons Lessee and Occupant..	64 Market St	Do
21. David Brooks Owner, Jeremiah Conolly Occupt	67. Market Street	Do
22. George Pye, Lessee & Occupt.....	70. Market St	Do
23. [124] Gerard DePeyster Owner, Charles Sweeney Occupant	93 Catharine Street	
24. Josh Marsh Owner, Mary Corbet Occupt	93. Catharine St	Do
25. Josh Marsh Owner, Henry Boyle Occupt	53 Catharine St	Do
26. Hue Cassidy Owner & Occupt.....	43. Catharine St	Do
27. Saml Marvin Owner & Occupt.....	41. Do	Do
28. John Brewer Owner & Occupt.....33 & 33½	Do	Do

29. Ross Duffy Agent, Henry Lozen Occup^{t}	29	Catharine S^{t}	A Privy
30. J. W. Johnson Lessee & Occup^{t}....	19.	Catharine S^{t}	D^{o}
31. W^{m} Palmer Lessee & Occupant....	15	D^{o}	D^{o}
32. Ja^{s} Scott Owner Jn^{o} Trafford Occup^{t}	9	D^{o}	D^{o}
33. Jn^{o} Bremner Lessee & Occup^{t}.....	7	D^{o}	D^{o}
34. Peter Stockholm Lessee & Occup^{t}..	5	D^{o}	D^{o}
35. Jennet Shields Lessee & Occup^{t}....	55	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
36. Anne M^{c}Crea Owner, Rob^{t} Malloy Occup^{t}	45	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
37. Edmond Weed Owner, W^{m} Walker Occup^{t}	39	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
38. Ann Hutton Owner, W^{m} Hoyt Occup^{t}	38	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
39. Sam^{l} Stilwell Lessee, Rob^{t} Burnside Occup^{t}	35	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
40. Matthew Lynch Lessee, Jn^{o} Quin Occup^{t}	33	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
41. Geo. Halsey Owner & Occup^{t}.....	32.	D^{o}	D^{o}
42. Leonard Fisher Owner, Timothy Wood Occup^{t}	30.	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
43. W^{m} Chevers Owner & Occup^{t}.....	29	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
44. Martha Lynch Owner, Jn^{o} Wright Occup^{t}	27	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
45. Bridget M^{c}Anally Owner & Occup^{t}.	23	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
46. Sam^{l} Ruckle Owner, Benjamin Quackenboss Occup^{t}	21	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
47. Sam Walker Owner, Sam^{l} Y. Allaire	19	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
48. Losey Van Ostrand Owner, Jn^{o} Skidmore Occup^{t}	17.	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
49. [125] Margaret Haight Owner, Dan^{l} Brewer Occ^{t}	13	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
50. Will^{m} Peckwell Owner, Henry Allen Occup^{t}	11	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
51. N. Grenard Owner, Benj^{n} Prince Occup^{t}	9	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
52. Aaron Swarts Owner, Jonathan Fields Occup^{t}	5	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}
53. Nich^{s} Baldwin Owner, Peter Noe Occup^{t}	1	Pike S^{t}	D^{o}

George Cuming City Insp^{r}

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Smith and agreed to

Resolved that the proposed Law relative to the New Market Ground be so amended as to allow the present proprietors of the same to retain Possession thereof till the first day of May 1818. four Months from which period shall be granted this Corporation to pay the amount of damage estimated, excepting however so much on such Lots as may be required for filling up to the wedth of South Street

Mr Talman presented a Resolution referring to a Committee to Consider and Report on the propriety of erecting Buildings in addition to those at the Workshop. which was referred to the Committee on Repairs

Alderman Smith presented the following

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to lay before the Board as soon as possible. a Schedule of the Public [126] Property. from which Revenue. is ought or might with propriety be derived. Also the Amount thereof together with such general Information as he may be possessed of in relation to the Income and Resources of this Corporation. which was agreed to by the Board

Mr Akerly presented a Resolution referring it to a Committee to Enquire into the propriety of establishing a light on the Mill Rock. or at any other place at or near Hurl Gate to be kept burning at night. as a guide to Market Boats and others that may be Navigating the sound in such time in coming to or going from the City of New York which was referred to Mr Akerly Aldn Coles Aldn Munson

The Memorial to the Legislature on the Subject of the proposed repeal of the Law. granting to the Corporation a Portion of the Duties on Sales at Auction was called up Read and agreed to. and was directed to be Authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature—A Document furnished by the Superintendant of the Alms House showing the Number of foreign Poor under the care of that Establishment from the Passing of the Law, granting said Portion of Duties was also read. and directed to be committed to [127] the Charge of the Committee on that Subject—It was also directed that said Memorial and Documents be entered at length on the Minutes of the Common Council See page 128—after Warrants

The Common Council resumed the Consideration of the Revised Laws. and made considerable progress therein

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	25.588.25
Warrants not presented	3.958.42
	$21.629.83

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch 1st Distt	498.75
Walton and Hibbard 2d	670.25
Norris and Anderson 3d	670.25
Bleakley and Brower 4th	413.
Geo. Buckmaster Repairs to Jail in March 1816	128.14
John Bailey Acct paving Varick Street	1000.
Thos Scott balce paving Fulton St from Wm to Pearl St	485.35
John Bailey Acct Paving Greenwich St	300.
Archd Smyth ballce Regulating Murray St	127.78
Richd Moran Repairing Intersections Streets	105.60
Wynant Van Zandt Award for Widening Thompson St	90.
Stephen Ludlam Survey & Maps 1 Year to 1st Inst	886.99
[128] Elijah Guion Repairing Pumps 4th. 6th Wards	153.37
Mark Reed 1st Installt Well & Pump Reed St	107.
Mark Reed balce Well & Pump Bancker St	56.
Elias Dob. Repairs of the L. foot of Jay St	1113. 9
Thos Barnum Superg Pier Dey St 24 days to 11 Inst	36.
Reuben Munson Esqr for 3rd Avenue	1500.
Sam. Kip Superintg 3. Avenue 36 days 13 Inst	72.
Robt Latimer balce on Contract 8 Avenue &c	193.75
Abrm Banker Bond and Interest in full	5216.82
R. F. Muller Intt on Bond 6 Months 3rd Inst	280.49
R. F. Watson 14 Casks Oil	1658.12
John F. Delaplaine & Co 13 Casks Oil	899. 6
Thos Freeborn 9 Casks Oil	462.41
S. Ledyard for Society of Industry Ordd 6th Inst	500.
F. B. Winthrop Junr Treasr Dispensary 1 Year	500.
Jacob P. Roome Supt of Repairs for Repairs	500.
Richard Furman Supert Alms House	2000.
Richard Furman for New Alms House	1000.
	21623.22
Balance	$6.61

See page 127.

Memorial

To the honorable the Legislature of the State of New York—The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully represents.

That Your Memorialists have been informed that a Resolution has been passed by your honorable [129A] *honorable* body forbidding the pay[m]ent to your Memorialists of the proportion of the monies arising from the duties on sales at auction which has been appropriated to the support of foreign poor in the City of New York and that it is proposed to repeal entirely that appropriation

Against this measure your memorialists think it their duty to remonstrate and very respectfully to submit to the Legislature some of the many reasons which may be urged against it

The City of New York is a great Commercial Capital and adventurers from all parts of the world resort to it, to improve their circumstances or to enjoy that Liberty civil & religious which is denied them in their native lands. These strangers destitute of friends or relations to aid them are liable upon the least reverse of fortune to be reduced to distress and have then no resource but in the public charity —Having no settlement to which they can be removed the duty of relieving them falls entirely on the place of their actual residence.

Nearly all the Europeans who emigrate to this State first enter it thro' the Port of New York—some remain there and others disperse themselves thro' the Country—The latter when thro' sickness or other casualties they become unable to maintain themselves are pursuant to the provisions of the act for the support of the poor, transported from town to town to the place from which they came, that is to say to this City, and here they must be maintained not because they have a settlement here, but because they can be sent no further—From various parts too of this & the neighbouring states labourers and [129B] Artisans throng to this City for employment acquire a legal settlement & increase the number of its poor.

The fluctuations of Commerce in a place so entirely commercial necessarily produce distress & render assistance from the public necessary to a multitude of Individuals who are destitute of capital to support them during a suspension of their ordinary employments

From these and various other causes the expense of relieving the poor in the City of New York has become a burthen beyond all comparison heavier, in proportion, than that borne by any other section of the State.

That this is no exagerated statement appears from the fact that the numbers of persons not borne in the State of New York & now maintained by the City amounts to 905 of persons born in the State and not natives of the City 227 & of persons born in the City including the Children of foreigners 837. Thus near two thousand persons are supported by charity & of them less than one half are natives of this place. Your Memorialists believe that there is no other City or Town in the State which contains nearly so great a proportion of paupers & certainly there can be scarce any other which is compelled to support paupers having no settlement in it

The Govt of the U S. has created a fund for the support of sick & disabled seamen, but their officers refuse to assist a greater number than sixty two at any one time & entirely refuse assistance to those laboring [129C] under Syphilitic complaints. Hence a number of Sailors of all Nations are continually supported in the Hospital of the Alms House—Besides the paupers who are entirely maintained by the City it has been necessary for several years past to expend from fifteen to twenty thousand Dollars Annually in aiding the out door poor

The expense occasioned by all these causes is so great that from the year 1798 when the Legislature first appropriated the duties in question, to the 9 November last the sums expended in the relief of the poor & in erecting buildings for their accommodation which the increase of their number had rendered necessary have amounted to $1.469.461.\frac{100}{100}$ and supposing the proportion of foreign poor to have averaged during that period the same as at present, considerably more than half that expenditure has been occasioned by them

Your Memorialists long since oppressed by this burden made repeated applications to the Legislature for assistance & their applications were seconded by the Executive

Influenced by these considerations the Legislature in the year 1798 passed an Act entitled "an act subjecting goods sold at auction to an additional duty for the support of foreign poor in the City of New York" by which it was enacted that an additional duty of one per cent should be imposed on sales at auction in the City of New York and that the monies arising from such [129D] additional duty should be paid to the Treasurer of the City for the support of the Foreign poor within the same

The Laws concerning auctions were revised in 1801 & again in 1813. & at each revision the same apropriation was made—In 1814 the U States having imposed a duty on Sales at auction, that levied

by the State was modelled & reduced but the same proportion of its produce as before, continued to be similarly appropriated.

Thus, the appropriation in question has been four times brought distinctly before the Legislature & as often been solemnly sanctioned by it

The necessity which formerly induced your memorialsts to ask & the Legislature to grant them assistance is now greater than ever & the propriety of the mode in which it is afforded has been repeatedly affirmed—and yet it is now proposed in a period of profound peace to abolish that fund sacred to humanity, which even the wants & the exigencies of war never prompted the Government to impair

For a measure thus harsh & unexpected your Memorialsts understand that only two reasons have been assigned.

First that the fund could not have been applied by your Memorialists to the purposes for which it was granted—& secondly that out of the surplus afforded by that fund they ought to have created another fund sufficient for all the purposes for which the appropriation was made

The Statement of facts already made by your Memolsts [129E] sufficiently shew the falacy of these allegations

Your Memorialsts apprehend that the large amount to which the auction duty has risen during the past year may induce some persons to think that the appropriation has been excessive—It is proper to remark that this unusual amount has arisen out of the peculiar circumstances of the times & must cease together with them. It is an evidence & a result not of the prosperity but of the extreme embarassments of Commerce which this Country shares in common with the rest of the world—Embarrassments growing out of a transition from a state of universal war to one of universal peace, & from the sudden alteration of all those channels in which trade for a long course of years has been accustomed to flow.

The same causes which have compelled the Merchant to sacrifice his goods at auction have also deprived the laborer of employment & reduced him to indigence—and at the same time the distresses of Europe have driven thousands from their homes to seek for subsistence here, & who have been overtaken by the winter before they have been enabled to earn wherewithall to support them

Thus the same unfortunate circumstances which have swelled the auction duty, have also swelled the number of those for whose relief a portion of it was designed

Your Memorialists pray leave to observe that this duty is princi-

pally levied upon the City of New York—for tho' it is imposed generally throughout the State, yet the accounts of the Comptroller will shew what an immense proportion of it is [129F] paid by this City

Some may suppose that an auction duty like most other impositions on merchandise is ultimately paid by the consumer, but a very little reflection will shew how little foundation there is for such a supposition. No one bids more at an auction on account of the duty—the price is not enhanced by it—the duty is added to but deducted from the price of the goods sold, & is wholly paid by the seller.

Your Memorialists further represent that the expense of Watching Paving & Lighting the City, together with the immense sums annually expended for opening Streets & other improvements under the burthens borne by the Citizens of New York, exclusive of the support of the Poor [are] much more heavy than those sustained by the Inhabitants of the Country. And tho' these expenses doubtless tend to the benefit of those who pay them they also essentially promote the welfare of the State at large encreasing its Commerce & adding to its riches respectability & power—If they augment the wealth of individual Citizens that wealth besides the contributions peculiar to the City pays also its full proportion of the taxes levied for the benefit of the State

Your Memorialists further represent that on the faith of a Legislative act they trusted that an appropriation made for a most just & benevolent purpose would be [129G] continued as long as that purpose would be continued and were therefore induced to expend larger sums of money on a new & extensive Establishment for the poor than would otherwise perhaps have been judicious

Your Memol[st] further represent that in ascertaining the amount of the City taxes for the present year the proceeds of the additional duty on auctions was considered as a permanent revenue and that if those proceeds are diverted the Taxes will fall short by an equal sum and the fund provided for the poor will consequently be dificient—Your Memorialists trust that the justice of the Legislature will not permit them thus suddenly to withdraw the aid Your Mem[lsts] have hithirto received without giving them an opportunity to prepare for the alteration & to devise some means to supply the deficiency it will occasion in their finances

This would be peculiarly hard, at a time when that aid is particularly necessary & w[h]en the City is oppressed with a debt of more than 1 000 000 Dollars occasioned by undertakings, at once useful & honorable to the State—and when the Citizens instead of being called

upon for unusual contributions might reasonably hope for some additional relief on account of the peculiar distresses in which they are involved.

Your Memorialists submit to the Legislature whether it be just to impose upon any particular district the burthen of supporting nearly the whole foreign poor in the State & whether any more unexceptionable mode [129H] of providing them can be devised, out of the proceeds of a Tax of which so large a proportion is paid by this City

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that the foreign poor in the City of New York may not now be deprived of that fund which the bounty of preceding Legislatures has provided for them

Your Memorialists are unwilling to conclude without a grateful acknowledgment of the munificence & liberality with which the Legislature has hitherto fostered & encouraged the growth & prosperity of the City of New York—And they trust that on this as on former occasions they will have reason to rejoice that the various parts of this populous & extensive State are bound together no less by reciprocal good offices & mutual affection than they are by the ties of their common interests.

Statement

A Return of Foreigners & Persons from other States now in the Alms House Penitentiary, Bridewell & Assylum supported by the Corporation of New York

In Alms House		In the Bridewell		
From Ireland	275	From U S	51	
England	78	Ireland	24	
Scotland	44	England	8	
Germany	33	Scotland & other foreign places	18	594
France	5		101	190
Africa & W Indies	23			101
United States	136			35
	594			Total.. 920
In Penitentiary		**In the Assylum**		
From U States	129	From U States	9	
Ireland	30	England	4	
England	10	Scotland	2	
France	4	Ireland	11	
Scotland	3	Germany	5	
Germany & other foreign places	14	France	2	
		Africa	2	
	190		35	

[1291] In Common Council January 20th 1817

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

John B Coles	Aldermen	Peter A. Jay
Jonas Mapes.		Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence		Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey		John Brown
Thomas R. Smith		William Stone
George Buckmaster		Robert McQueen
Arthur Burtis		Samuel Akerley
Reuben Munson		George B. Thorp
		John H. Talman
		Thomas Cooper

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Memorial of John Taylor Complaining of an Improper Assessment of Personal Tax on him was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial of the Fire Department of this City requesting the Common Council to sanction an Application of the Fire Department to the Legislature to extend the Act respecting the Firemen of this City to the Hook [130] and Ladder Companies, to the Hose Companies and to the Fire Wardens, which was read and Referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of William Miller praying an exemption from Tax imposed upon him. he being a Minister of the Gospel was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition from the Justices of the Justices Court stating the Necessity of an Additional Room for their Clerk and requesting the Assignment of one was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands &c

A Petition of Simon J. King Praying Remission of Fine Incurred by selling Liquor without Licence was read and granted. on Petitioner taking out Licence for the same.

A Petition of Timothy Cruggins for Hucksters License in Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial in behalf of the Humane Society requesting some pecuniary aid was read and Ordered that a Warrant be reported in their favour for Two hundred Dollars

[131] A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Brooklyn requesting that the proprietors of the Steam Boat on that Ferry may be permitted to substitute in place of a Steam Boat. a Boat to be propelled by Horses. was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition from "the Association for the relief of Respectable aged indigent Females" requesting pecuniary aid. was read and Ordered that a Warrant be reported in their favour for Two hundred and fifty Dollars

A Petition of Anthony Bourosan, praying remission of a fine in Consequence of not filling in a Lot was read and referred to the City Inspector

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 18.

Thomas P. Brown and Townsend Cock vice Rob^{t} M Boggs & one additional

N° 30

Griffith Griffiths vice Peter Chapple res^{d}

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Read Street between Broadway and Church Street [which] was confirmed and Weaight Munson appointed Collector

[132] The Street Commissioner on the Petition for widening Charles Street presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table, and he was directed to give Notice in the Public papers of the proposed alteration of the said Street.

The Street Commissioner presented the following delinquents viz

One for extending Elizabeth Street	Am^{t}.....	$305.75
One for opening and Improving Chapel S^{t}	"	224.
One for opening 125th Street.....		141.
One for paving Fair Street.....		362.85½

Which is respectfully Submitted

20th Jan^{y} 1817. Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb S^{t} Com^{r}

Whereupon Ordered that Warrants Issue to the Collector for Collecting the same

The Committee on the Petition of George W. Murray on the subject of a Well in Broadway Reported

The Alderman and Assistant of the eighth Ward and the Street Commissioner who were Authorized to grant M^{r} George W. Murray permission to sink a Well in Broadway opposite his Lead Works

Respectfully Report That they have given M^{r} Murray Permission to sink and build a Well in the Street on Condition that it shall be built at his expence. and that he cause said Well to be arched over with Brick

whenever that part of the Street is regulated [133] and he required so to do. and to keep the same in Repair

And Also that he shall allow the Corporation to place a Pump therein for Public use. and to keep it in Repair free of any charge

They enclose Mr Murrays agreement to the above Conditions

Respectfully Submitted

20th January 1817 Arthur Burtis
Jno M'Comb St Comr

To the Honorable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York

Gentlemen

The Street Commissioner having notified to me your Permission to sink and build a Well under his superintendance. and that you will vest the right of the said Well in me. on my agreeing to Arch the same with Brick, whenever the Street is regulated on my being required so to do. and that you shall have the privilege of putting down a Pump of the usual size and bore for public use—I hereby agree to the above Conditions. and sollicit your Honors to pass an Ordinance to the above effect I am. Respectfully

Gentlemen Yr Ob' Sert

New York 18th January 1817. G. W. Murray

Which was read and directed to be filed

Alderman Coles presented the following Resolution—Resolved that the Comptroller lay [134] before the Common Council. a Balance Sheet of the Ledgers that in such sheet each open Account be exhibited so as to shew the amount to its debit or credit. and that such balances be struck and carried down in said Ledgers which was agreed to and it was referred to the following Committee to carry into effect with Authority to employ a Clerk for that purpose

Committee Aldn Coles Aldn Smith Aldn Munson

The Committee on the Subject of prohibiting the Sale of certain Fish at certain times Reported

That Shad & Fresh water Trout, are two of the most delicious fish that our markets afford, & are exposed for sale at improper seasons, when they are poor and unwholesome food whereby the extinction of the race of these animals is threatened & the health of those endangered who eat them at such times

The Committee beg to state some of the facts connected with the history of these fishes which will show the propriety of prohibiting

the sale of them when out of season. The Shad is known to Naturalists by the name of the Clupea Alosa and is sometimes seen on the Coasts of Europe but not in such immense shoals as on the Coast of the United States.

[134A] The Shad pays an annual visit to the Harbor of New York and ascends the Hudson River to deposit its spawn, at which time it is very fat and excellent eating, It generally appears in the beginning of April and continues to ascend the River till the middle of May, when fat Shad gradually decline and by the end of the Month totally disappear—After depositing their eggs they become thin & lean and so altered in appearance as to look like a different fish. It is then they are known by the name of maugre Shad and are taken descending the River in search of their accustomed haunts in the recesses of the Ocean, whither they go to feed and remain till the next spawning season—No time need be fixed for the prohibition of the sale of shad that have spawned, but by preventing the sale of maugre Shad the evil complained of may be remedied

The Fresh water Trout is the Salmo Frontinalis of naturalists and is taken in most of the Streams in this State. like most other fish it is a favorite food in the spawning season and is poor and sickly at other times. The female is with roe in the Spring and Summer months, and in good condition [134B] from 1st of April to the middle of October and should not be brought to market during the rest of the year

Therefore the Committee offer the following Resolutions

Resolved that the market Law be so amended, that hereafter no maugre or back shad be offered for sale in this City under penalty of forfeiture

Resolved that no fresh water Trout shall be offered for sale within this City from the first day of October to the fifteenth day of March in any year, nor at any time weighing less than half a pound under penalty of forfeiture—And that the Deputy Clerks of the Markets be authorized to attend to the execution of the provision of the Law

all which is respectfully submitted

Signed
Samuel Akerly
John B Coles.
Jacob Lorillard

Which Report was read and approved and the Counsel was directed to report a Law agreably thereto.

[135] The Committee on the Petition of Matthias Crane late keeper of the Penitentiary on the Subject of his Compensation was read and referred back to the same Committee

Committee Ald^{n} Munson Ald^{n} Fish M^{r} Akerley

The Committee of Arts and Sciences on the Subject of Gas light presented a Report accompanying several Resolutions which was Read. and the following Resolution was agreed to—Resolved that the Comptroller and M^{r} Akerley examine the Accounts of Doctor Hare and settle with him upon such Terms as have been allowed by the Committee of Arts and Sciences and that the Balance of the appropriation if any be repaid into the Treasury and that Doctor Hare be directed no longer to prosecute the appointment with Gas lights the other Resolutions were referred back to the same Committee

The Committee of Repairs on the Subject of Workshops Reported.

That they have carefully examined the same and believe it will be for the public Interest to build a Shop One hundred feet in length and twenty four feet in breadth Two Stories high fire proof. and recommend that the Superintendant be Authorized to provide materials for the same

Geo. B. Thorp
Thomas Cooper
Jn^{o} H. Talman

Which was approved

[136] The Attorney of the Board in absence of the Counsel presented the Arbitration Bond in the Case of the Corporation with Ephraim Ginnings which was directed to be duly executed

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed viz^{t}

N^{o} 1. Jeremiah Griffen Owner Ja^{s} Van Dyck Occupant	N^{o}	7.	Broad S^{t}	A Privy
2. Jacob Shatzel Owner Jn^{o} J. Jenkins Occup^{t}		8	D^{o}	D^{o}
3. Sarah Douglass Owner. W^{m} Baldwin Occup^{t}		10	D^{o}	D^{o}
4. And^{w} Norwood Owner Anne Chew Occup^{t}		13	D^{o}	D^{o}
5. M^{rs} Charles Ludlow Owner.....	N^{o}	15	Broad S^{t}	D^{o}
6. John B. Thorpe Lessee & Occupant.	N^{o}	23	D^{o}	D^{o}

7. Wm Stephenson Owner. Wm Van Dyck Occupt	30	Broad St	A Privy
8. Jno Morris Owner, Miss P. Victor Occupt	34	Broad St	Do
9. Mary Stagg Owner and Occupant..	36	Broad St	Do
10. Nathan Pendleton Owner. Mrs Joanne Gaston Occupt.....No	42	Broad St	Do
11 John M. Luff Owner & Occupant... No	45	Do	Do
12. John M. Luff Owner Wm H Walsh Occupt	47	Broad St	Do
13. Isaac Jaques Owner. Geo Taylor Occupt	50	Do	Do
14. Willm Brown Owner & Occupt.....	51.	Do	Do
15. Do Do Do	53.	Do	Do
16. Willm Cargill Owner & Occupt.....	58.	Do	Do
17. Willm Cargill Owner Wm Goosebeck Occupt	58½	Do	Do
18 John Post Owner & Occupant.....	75	Do	Do
19. Jno Thompson Agent. Jeremiah Manning Occupt .....No	77.	Broad St	Do
20. Mrs Sarah Rogers Owner. Peter H. Schenck, Occupt .....No	80	Broad St	Do
21. [137] Sampson Simpson. R & J Sharp Occupts .....No	97	Broad St	Do
22. Mrs Jane Burrows. Owner & OccuptNo	2.	Nassau St	Do
23. Jesse Scofield Owner E. W. Morris Occupt	11	Do	Do
24. Dr W. Moore Owner Jno Ross Occupt	21.	Do	Do
25. Chas Dickinson Esqr Agent to Mr Quackenbos George Sands Occupt	21½	Nassau St	Do
26. Peter Walker Owner and Occupant No	25	Do	Do
27. Richard Riker Esqr Owner H. J. Meyer Occupt	55	Nassau St	Do
28. Richard Riker Esqr Owner Nichs Mead Occupt	59	Nassau St	Do
29. Mrs Anne White Owner. Mary Spies Occupt	64	Nassau St	Do
30. Mrs Ann White owner. C. Brower Occupant	66	Nassau St	Do
31. James McCarty Lessee & Occupant	70	Nassau St	Do

32. Mrs Ann White Owner. Jacob Thomas Occupt .....No 84. Nassau St A Privy
33. Wm Talman Lessee Ann Williams Occupt .....No 24 Lombardy Street Do George Cuming Cy Ir

Alderman Smith presented the following Resolution,

Whereas this Board did on the 25th Feby 1814 direct that a Memorial be presented to the Legislature of this State praying the Enactment of a certain Law relative to the Alms House. Bridewell and City Prison, and that the same be accompanied with the form of a Bill for that purpose

One Section of which Bill went to Authorize the Corporation to appoint a Superintendant of the Alms house during pleasure which is according to [138] the uniform mode of making Appointments

And Whereas Notwithstanding the directions aforesaid the said Bill was by some means unknown to this Board presented to the Legislature with a Section directing the said Appointment to be made for Seven Years instead of during Pleasure Whereby the true Intent and meaning of the said Applications was not made known to the Legislature

Which Bill was on the fifteenth of the following April passed into a Law containing the Obnoxious section contrary to the desire of the Corporation as fully and decidedly expressed on the said twenty fifth of February.

Now therefore that the Intention of this Board as then expressed may be carried into effect and also conceiving this provision in the said Act as Anti Republican

Resolved that the Council be and he is hereby Instructed to prepare and present a Respectful Memorial to the Legislature now in Session Praying that the said Act may be so amended as to Authorize the Appointment to be made during pleasure And that the person now appointed to such Office under the said Section. shall be deemed to hold his Office during the pleasure of this Board

This Resolution after debate passed in the Affirmative as follows

[139] Yeas....Mr Recorder
Aldn Conrey
" Smith
" Buckmaster
" Burtis
" Munson
Messrs Brown
" Stone
" Underhill
" McQueen
" Akerly
" Thorp
" Cooper 13.

Nays.....Aldn Coles
" Mapes
" Lawrence
Messrs Jay
" Talman 5

Mr Lorillard at his own Request being exempted from Voting

The Common Council took up the Consideration of the Revised Laws—The seventh and thirteenth Section of the Law regulating the Sale of Firewood was *was* referred to the City Inspector. After some further Consideration of the Laws the Board adjourned

The Comptroller Reported

[140] Cash in the Treasury	15.561.98
Warrants not presented	3,249.37
	$12.312.61

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor 1 Qr Salary 18th Inst	1750.
Jesse Dowe Carriage Hire 2d & 8 Inst	27.
George Dummer & Co hire of 3 Chandaliers 25th Novr	25.
Bernard Burnes making Catridges for Military 25th Novr	18.70
Charles Debevoise 40 Log Irons for Penitentionary	244.38
Benjn Birdsall Ironmongery & Work 22 May to 31st Decr 1816	440.35
C. O. Neil. Ballce Well and Pump Pitt Street	16.56
Archd Smyth Acct paving Laight St	1000.
Willm Lawrence Award for Thompson St	120.60
Anthony Dey Award for tenth Avenue	185.44
Mrs R. Strong. Donation to Female Assistance Society	400.
Thos R. Smith Esqr Chairmn Sub Comee Gas Lights	1000.
Richard Furman Supert Alms House	3000.
Richard Furman for New Alms House	2000.
	10228. 3
Balance	$2084.58

[141] In Common Council January 27th 1817.

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

John B. Coles	Aldermen	Peter A Jay	Assistants
Peter Conrey		Jacob Lorillard	
Thomas R. Smith		Anthony L. Underhill	
William Alburtis		William Stone	
Arthur Burtis		Robert McQueen	
Nicholas Fish		Samuel Akerly	
Reuben Munson		George B. Thorp	
		John H. Talman	
		Thomas Cooper	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Amasa Spencer offering to apply a quantity of Earth from his Quarry to repairing and keeping in repair the Kingsbridge Road, from Dikemans house to Posts house. and Turnpiking the same in Consideration of being permitted to carry said Earth into the Road, And Also offers to keep for any Number of Years in Order on reasonable Terms, was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Memorial from Charles Monell offering to [142] light a Portion of the City with Gas light and requesting a grant to lay Pipes in the Streets which was read and refered to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Memorial of the Orphan Assylum Praying Pecuniary Aid was read and referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of Hart and Patridge Lessees of upper part of Watch House in Third Street praying that fine incurred by Chimney taking Fire may be paid by the Corporation was read and leave granted to Petitioners to withdraw their Petition

A Petition that Lispenard Street from Church Street to Broadway may be opened was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Street Committee

A Memorial of Robert Carnley for remission of Fine for selling Liquor on Sunday was read and Petitioner had leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition from Samuel Gedney for remission of Penalty incurred by not filling in Lot was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of Thomas Hodgkinson for remis- [143] sion of fine for selling Liquor was read and passed on payment of Costs. and taking out License

A Similar Petition from Silvester Gilbert was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board to Report

A Memorial of Nicholas Everitt and others Complaining of the ill effects in cold Weather of the great quantities of Water thrown in the Streets by the Brewers—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

The late Council David S. Jones presented the following

The late Council of the Corporation has the Honor to inform the Board. that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court in relation to the opening and extending Hudson Street from Christopher Street to Greenwich Lane, made a Report of Estimate and Assessment to the said Court. at the late January Term, which said Report was confirmed on the 17th Instant. In Consequence of which the Lands and premises required for the said Improvement are now vested in the Corporation, and measures may be taken by them to carry the Improvement into effect whenever it may be Judged proper.

The Sums awarded by the Commissioners for Damages will become payable in four Months from the 17th Instant. and the Collection of the Sums assessed for benefit [144] should forthwith commence to meet those demands to facilitate which Collection and to present a view of the Estimate and Assessment the Subscriber will prepare an abstract of the Report and deliver the same to the Street Commissioner

Respectfully Submitted

Janr 27th 1817. D. S. Jones

Whereupon Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

No 26.

Peter Mead, Wheelwright vice David Rayner Resigned

No 39.

James Clinch. Accountant vice Andrew Wright Junr Resignd

The Committee on the Memorial of Mathias Crane while keeper of the Penitentiary. Reported

The Committee on the Subject of M. Crane late keeper of the Penitentiary beg leave to Report That in their Opinion. M. Crane is entitled to Two hundred and fifty Dollars for Expenses of providing

for his Family and his two Assistants. while keeper and before his Salary was fixed by the Board

New York Jan^{y} 21st 1817. Reuben Munson
Samuel Akerly

Which Report was approved

[145] The Comptroller presented a list of Balances due to the Corporation which was directed to be Referred to the Committee on that Subject. viz. Ald^{n} Coles Ald^{n} Smith Ald^{n} Munson

A Memorial of the Assessors of Taxes of the several Wards for an encreased allowance was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments and the Comptroller, and same Committee were requested to take into Consideration the allowance to the Commissioners of Estimate and expence appointed by the Supreme Court

A Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry, Stating that he had Established a Team Boat on said Ferry, which was attended with great expence to him and praying the Common Council to sanction an Application to the Legislature for an increase of Ferriage on said Ferry to four Cents for each Passenger and to prevent Vessels from lying in the Stream and Interrupting the Passage of the Ferry Boats. and to be released from the Obligation of Keeping Barges which was referred to the Ferry Committee

The Committee on the Fire Department Presented a Report on the Subject of extending the Fire Limits, which was read and laid on the Table

The same Committee on the Request of the Fire Department Reported

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom [146] was Referred the Petition of the Representatives of the Fire Department, praying that the Act Regulating them may be so amended as to include all such as the Ordinances of this Board denominate Firemen. and that they may have such fines and penalties as may be collected from persons violating so much of the Laws as relates to the more effectual prevention of Fires. Are of Opinion that the Application is Just and proper. They therefore recommend that this Corporation sanction the application

Arthur Burtis
Robert M^{c}Queen

Which was approved

The Chief Engineer on the Recommendation of the Fire Wardens for the Appointment of John Ackerman and Michael Vermilyea as Fire

Wardens of said City of the Sixth Ward in place of Mr Hoyt and Anthony Steenbach. Reported that the persons recommended had been Firemen more than Five Years. Thereupon they were appointed Fire Wardens of said Ward

The Committee on the Representation of the Justices of Police. of the propriety of an allowance to the Peace Officers for Conveying Vagrants to the Penitentiary Reported

New York Jan 22d 1817

The Committee on Police to which was referred the foregoing. Representation of the Justices Respectfully Report [147] That they have duly Considered the same and are of Opinion that some Compensation for conveying Prisoners to the Penetentiary should be allowed the Officers attending that Court which is not the Case at present. formerly they were required to take Prisoners. only to the Bridewell for which nothing was asked or expected. but now the distance is not less than two or two and an half Miles. which must occupy much time and create some risk. It is therefore proposed that the Sum of Fifty Cents be allowed for each person. who may here after be conducted to the Penatentiary by Order of the Police

Th R. Smith Chairn
Nichs Fish
Thos Cooper
G. B. Thorp

Which was agred to

The Committee on the Petition of the Justices of the Justices Court for an Additional Room for their Clerk, Reported. that the Prayer of the Petition be granted which was agreed to

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances. which were passed—viz

No 1. Jno Hyslop Owner. Andw Allen Occupt	42.	Nassau St	A Privy
2. Dr A Rennolds Owner, Mrs Ann Miller Occupt	46.	Do	Do
3. Peter Taylor Owner, Thos Lewis Occupt	64.	Do	Do
4. Chas C. Cogswell Owner & Occupt..	67.		Do
5. [148] Francis B. Many Owner Thos Shaw Occupt	73.	Do	Do
6. John Mowatt Agent. Pelsue & Young Occupts	86½	Do	Do

7. John Mowatt Agent. Thos D. Penny Occupt	87.	Nassau St	A Privy
8. Anson G. Phelps, Lessee & Occupt	83.	Beekman St	Do
9. Mrs Susanna Ackerly Owner Stephen White Occupt	68	Cathe St	Do
10. Robert Brown Owner, Sarah Sharkley Occupt	6	Willm St	Do
11. Wm Ferryman Owner, Francis Salters Occupt	15.	Do	Do
12. Geo. H. Cooper, Owner & Occupt	11.	Do	Do
13. Mrs Frances Nicholson. Thos Stokes Occupt	17.	Do	Do
14. George H. Cooper Owner. Jno Whitlock Occupt	19.	Do	Do
15. Chas Cluzet Owner & Occupt	23.	Do	Do
16. Gurdon S. Mumford Owner. Joseph Collet Occupt	37.	Do	Do
17. Thos Herring Owner Rt Williams Occupt	57. 58. & 59.	Do	Do
18. R. Bunn Owner & Occupt	60	Do	Do
19. Mrs Ann Rhodes. Owner Miles Greenwood Occupt	68	Do	Do
20. Mrs Francis Nicholson Owner, Wm Wallace Occupt	86.	Do	Do
21. Jno Juhel Owner, Schuyler & Bradford Occupts	90.	Do	Do
22. Jno Mowatt Junr Abrm Franklin Occupt	94.	Do	Do
23. Jas Thompson Owner. N. P. Jennings Esqr Occupt	96.	Do	Do
24. Andw Ogden Owner. McIntire & McMullen Occupts	103.	Do	Do
25. Jno H. Tallman Owner. Josh Moore Occupt	105.	Do	Do
26. Jas Stuart Agent. Jno Chalons Occupt	116.	Do	Do
27. Jno Leonard Lessee & Occupt	119.	Do	Do
28 Delatours Lessee & Occupt	121.	Do	Do
29 Zebulon Mitchill Lessee & Occupt	123.	Do	Do
30. Mrs Wm Irving Owner Andw Miller Occupt	128.	Do	Do
31. Benjn Cruickshank Owner & Occupt	131.	Do	Do

32. [149] Jn° Cornell Owner, M^rs Voisen Occup^t	146	Will^m S^t	A Privy
33 Jerem^h Drake Esq^r Agent Rob^t Kennier Occup^t	150.	D°	D°
34. Derick Ammerman Owner, Jaques Bertrand Occup^t	154.	D°	D°
35. Isaac Burr Owner. S. Pinckney Occup^t	168.	D°	D°
36. M^rs Abigail Arden Willet Seaman Occup^t	170.	D°	D°
37. W^m Johnson Owner M^rs Mary Fish Occup^t	171.	D°	D°
38. M^rs Otterburgh Owner, Ja^s Chalmers Occup^t	174.	D°	D°
39. Alex^r S. Glass Owner, Nath^l Bell Occup^t	175.	D°	D°

New York 27^th Jan^y 1817

George Cuming City Insp^r

The Committe on Arts and Sciences. presented the following Report.

To the Honorable the Mayor. Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York. in Common Council Convened,

The Committee on Arts and Sciences Respectfully Report,

That the experiment on Gas light which has been conducted under their Superintendance, having been completed they submit to the Common Council its results.

All the bodies which are used for the economical production of heat and light. and which burn with flame. contain. a subject termed by Chemists hydrogene Gas, this Substance when coming in Contact with Common Air. or with. Oxigene Gas [150] takes fire and gives off heat and light. When the body which contains it is heated, and other air excluded the hydrogene gas (which will not burn unmixed,) Seperates from the body which contains it, and by means of a very simple apparatus may be collected and preserved.

Though these facts have been long known, yet it is but of late Years, that an attempt has been made to apply the Hydrogene Gas, thus extracted to common use

The Committee do not think it necessary to trace the history of this Invention. It is sufficient to state that after various trials and experiments. means have been found in England to produce from hydrogene

Gas. a light better and cheaper than that obtained in any other manner. and that in the beginning of the Year before last. fifteen Miles of the Streets of London. were lighted with it. There is good ground to believe that these Streets are lighted Cheaper than they could have been with Oil, and Intelligent Gentlemen of this City, who have been in London Testify that the Illuminations is beyond Comparison better than any other which they have seen.

The Common Council of this City always attentive to whatever may conduce to the comfort or convenience of their fellow Citizens, were desirous of obtaining Information, which might enable them to decide on the practability and utility of introducing here this new mode of lighting the Streets.

Various projects and Estimates of Expence. were [151] laid before them very different from each other, and extremely discordent on the Subject of expence

All these were referred to your Committee—In their deliberations on this Subject. the Committee felt themselves authorized to consider the practability of the proposed mode of Illumination as sufficiently established The Testimony taken before a Committee of the British House of Commons. and which has been republished here the unanimous opinions of the most eminent Chemists in Europe and America. and above all the Grand successful experiment now exhibited in London placed this beyond dispute. But the Question of expence was one much more difficult to be solved. The Calculations laid before the Committee differed so much from each other that dependance could not be placed upon them, none of the persons by whom they were made had any experience or practical knowledge of the Manufacture of Gas. and a variety of Considerations shewed that no computation could be relied on which should not be founded on the sure basis of experiment.

Accurate accounts of the Expenditures in various Gas. light Establishments in England were obtained but these afforded no certain data for Calculation here. The Coal from which Gas is obtained in England is much cheaper there than here The same Coal after the Gas and certain other matters are extracted from it becomes under the denomination of Coak an article of Considerable Value, and its sale diminishes the expence of the establishment. Coal. Tar and certain other products likewise [152] seperated during the process are also saleable, how far they could be disposed of here was matter of uncertainty. Labor and the Costs of Machinery of all kinds is much higher

in this Country than in England. so much that in Case Iron pipes should be used for Conveying the Gas. it would be cheaper to Import than to make them. Another Question occurred of the most serious Importance, Supposing the Lamps of a City only to be lighted, the expence of erecting the necessary Apparatus for making and laying Pipes for conducting the Gas would be so great that the Interest alone (supposing no subsequent expenditures) would amount to a much larger Sum than the present expence of lighting the Lamps with Oil. The Establishment could only be supported by supplying Private houses or Shops with light for a stipulated Sum, and it was very uncertain whether the Citizens would consent to purchase the Gas lights

The Committee therefore did not think that they would be Justifiable if they should recommend to the Common Council to embark in an undertaking which would require an enormous expenditure. while it was still uncertain whether that expence would be repaid. On the other hand they were unwilling that this City should reap no benefit from one of the most brilliant Inventions of modern times or to behold her outstripped in the career of Improvement by her Sister Cities. They would have wished that some Individual or private Company should have offered to contract for lighting the whole or part of the City with Gas, on reasonable [153] Terms. But the Subject was as yet too little understood and Men of Capital were found unwilling to embark in an untried Speculation. Upon the whole the Committee Recommended that the Common Council direct that an Experiment should be made under their Superintendance.

The object of this experiment was to ascertain how far it was practicable to substitute Gas for Oil. in lighting the Streets of this City at a moderate expence, how far the Citizens would be willing to purchase Gas light. and thus enable the Establishment to support itself, how far it would be prudent for the Corporation to expend large Sums of money upon such an Establishment and if that should be found imprudent how far it would be expedient to promote the formation of a Company to supply the whole or part of the City with Lamps lighted by Gas.

For the purpose of Conducting this experiment the Committee engaged Doctor Hare a Gentleman of Talents and Education of acknowledged eminence in the Science of Chemistry and who had studied particularly the Subject of Gas light

The first thing they had then to decide was the Materials to be employed in the experiment. Coal had been used in England and Rosin had been used in a small Establishment at Philadelphia.

The first was admitted to produce the brightest and the purest light, but the reasons already mentioned occasioned doubts as to economy in using it, besides all Coal which can be procured here and which Contains Gas contains also Sulphur [154] and the Sulphur. being volatalized by the same heat which separates the Gas. imparts to the latter its unpleasant odor and renders it necessary to purify it before it can be burned To do this a Complicated apparatus is provided by means of which the Gas is passed through lime Water, the Sulphur unites with the lime, and forms what is called liver of Sulphur. This Compound is excessively foetid and unless expensive precautions are taken, renders the Manufacture a Nuisance to the Neighbourhood. one of the London Establishments was Indicted on this Account, and on the trial was proved to be Intollerably offensive, the grievance has it is said been since remedied by conducting the lime Water, which contains the foetid matter in an under Ground drain into the River Thames

The various reasons combined to dissuade the Committee from Commencing the operation with Coal: it was a costly material, the value of its products was uncertain, it required more Complicated and expensive aparatus and it would have been offensive to the Vicinity. and might have created a prejudice against the Establishment

From most of these Objections Rosin was free; the Gas procured from it required little purification, it contained nothing foetid, and a more simple aparatus was sufficient Whether any valuable products besides Gas, could be obtained from it remained to be decided. The Committee determined to try the first experiment with Rosin

A Furnace and gasometer were constructed in a building [155] situate in the Old Alms house Yard. Tubes were laid through Broadway to and a little beyond the corner of Fulton Street, and in front of the City Hall, and several Lamps and several shops have been lighted The Slowness with which this has been done has been a matter of regret to the Committee. it has not originated from any want of zeal in them, nor can they impute it to Doctore Hare he has been zealous and diligent. But no Mechanics were to be found skilled in the work required to be done. those who were employed were to be taught how to do their work before they could do it. Artists have now been found who could construct another similar establishment much more expeditiously

From the Experiment which has been made it appears that Two thousand Cubic feet of Gas. will afford as much light as One hundred pounds of Candles and will support Two hundred flames for Ten

hours each flame giving twice as much light as a common Street Lamp with two wicks

But as some Gas will always be wasted in consequence of leaks or carelessness and other accidents Ten per Cent may be deducted on that account, and then Two thousand cubic feet of Gas will only support One hundred and eighty flames.

According to the most accurate Computation the Committee can make these two thousand cubic feet of Gas made from Rosin in a small Establishment, like that in which the experiment has been made, will cost ten Dollars without reckoning the first expence of the building and aparatus, or the Interest upon it, and supposing also that no profit is made from the other product of the Distellation [156] these are found to be an Essential Oil an acid Lamp black and Varnish, it is highly probable that these may be made profitable but the Committee do not think that it would be safe at present to estimate them at anything considerable

Though the Street Lamps are required to burn ten hours in a night yet in shops half that time is sufficient hence the annual expence of lighting a Lamp for ten hours with Gas from the present Establishment is about twenty Dollars, that of a Light in a shop for five hours is about ten Dollars

It is found that the Shopkeepers generally are not only willing but very desirous to have Gas lights in their Shops and will readily pay for them at the rate of Ten Dollars a Year for each light.

Dr Hare has made experiments upon other Substances besides Rosin. Wood is a cheap Material but the Gas produced from it is not sufficiently Luminous when mixed with Rosin in equal weights the Gas is still deteriorated when mixed in the proportion of one third the light is tolerable but still inferior to that from Rosin alone

If Coal yielded an equal quantity of Gas with Rosin whatever other advantages it may possess it would be much cheaper, but in the experiment made under the Direction of the Committee it was found that a cilender filled with Coal produced fifteen hundred Cubic feet of Gas in a day, while the same Cilendar filled with Rosin [157] in the same time produced Five thousand feet. The Consequence is that much more fuel is required to produce a given quantity of Gas from the first, than from the second of these substances, so much so that the fuel alone used to decompose the Coal costs nearly as much as the Rosin, and the fuel required to decompose it together

These experiments nevertheless are not desisive and others made on a larger Scale would perhaps afford different results.

It is very evident that the estimate given above of the expence of lighting the Lamps with Gas. is much higher than the present expence of lighting them with Oil, and the Committee are far from wishing that the Council should expend more money upon the little establishment which has been formed, but though a small Establishment would cost much more than it would repay, the Committee have no doubt but on a larger Scale for lighting certain parts of the City would be highly profitable

It is obvious that as the Establishment is enlarged the receipts would increase in proportion while the expenditures would not. An apparatus to supply Two thousand houses would not cost but little more than one to supply half the number, the additional Labor would be very trifling and yet the proceeds would be doubled

Dr Hare at the Request of the Committee has furnished them with the following estimate of the expence of an Establishment for lighting with Gas, the greater part of [158] Broadway, Chatham Street, part of the Bowery Road Maiden Lane and William Street.

First Expence

One Brick Fire Prooff Building 100 feet by 60	$10.000
Two Gasometers and their Apparatus	10.000
24.000 feet of White Pine pipes at 75 Cents a foot	18.000
240 Cocks or Valves at $20⁰⁄₁₀₀	4.800
Implements	1.200
Total first Cost of the Establishment	$44.000

Annual Expence

Ground Rent of Lot on which the Building is Erected	1.600
20 Cilinders at $100	2.000
Wages of Six Men	2.000
Wear and Tear of Pipes and Valves Estimated at ten per Cent Annually	2.200
Rosin and Fuel	36.500
	$44.300

It is supposed that this apparatus could furnish Forty thousand Cubic Feet of Gas per day. sufficient to support Seven thousand three hundred flames which if paid for at ten Dollars per Annum would produce an Income of Seventy three Thousand Dollars

On this Estimate the Committee remark that some Items of the

expence are rated in their Opinion much too high particularly the Fire Proof Building and the ground Rent. on the other hand it can hardly be expected that [159] *that* a demand will exist for so many as Seven thousand three hundred flames and nothing is allowed for Superintendance

On the whole the Committee adhere to their Opinion that it would not be prudent for the Corporation to engage in so expensive an undertaking

But they have no Doubt that Individuals or a Company would find it profitable and they would greatly rejoice to see such a Company established

As this is the only mode in which the City can probably be lighted with Gas, the Committee think that it would be discreet in the Corporation to encourage the formation of a Company for that purpose, and if this should be done they think it would be no more than Just to give the preference to one with which Dr Hare should be connected, inasmuch as for nearly all the Information which any such Company could obtain on many points of high Importance to them they must be Indebted to his labours

The Encouragement which might be given to such a Company might consist in permitting them to lay Pipes through the Streets, in Contracting with them on reasonable Terms to light the Public Lamps, and perhaps in subscribing a certain Amount of Stock to be paid in Lots of Land fit for the erection of their necessary building

On this Subject the Committee will not again presume to Recommend a Specific Resolution, but simply submit it to the Common Council

The Committee think it may not be Improper [160] to add for the Information of those who complain that a large sum of money has been expended to light only a Dozen Lamps, that a great many more might have been lighted from their little Establishment, if it had been thought to be in any degree useful. But as the Object they had in view was merely experiment as there was no Intention of making the Establishment Permanent the expence of laying pipes to a greater distance and of providing new Lamps fit for the purpose would have been entirely thrown away and no one good purpose would have been answered by it.

The Committee have made this Report thus long and minute in hopes of affording Information to those Members of the Board who